

Maundy Thursday

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

(Setting 4, p. 203)

PLEASE ALL KEEP SILENCE AND REVERENCE BEFORE SERVICE

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Sit

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

We gather at the altar

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

The pastor absolves the penitents at the altar.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor dismisses the penitents with this blessing:

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C Amen.

When all have been absolved, they may greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you". The pastor concludes the exchange of peace with the SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of

Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1–14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12-19

¹²What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
**I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.**

¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of

me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are

clean.” ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit (The creed is omitted)

Hymn LSB 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

- 1 When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only

For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples' feet.

3 What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
“Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood.”

4 One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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Sermon “I am the Bread of Life”

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand (The offertory is omitted)

Offering

Due to Covid restrictions, we are not passing the offering plate among the pews. You may consider giving your offering either by placing it on a plate as you exit the church today or sending us an e-transfer. For information, please call our office during the week to set this up. Thank you, may God continue to bless you

Prayer of the Church

P Each petition ends with: “As we lift up the cup of salvation,” to which the congregation replies:

C *we offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon Your name, O Lord.....*

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,

for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Heav'n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him

to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



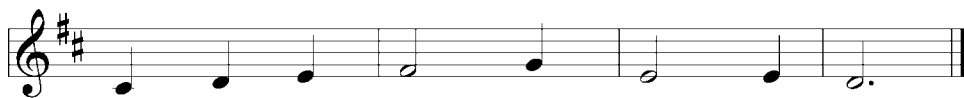
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution:

Pastor and assistant will come to you with bread and wine. You should hold on to them until pastor and assistant return to the altar and invites all to take communion together.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
- C** Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar takes place following the Lord's Supper, therefore the Nunc Dimittis is omitted. During the Stripping of the Altar, Psalm 22 (printed on the insert) is sung by the cantor. The congregation sings the antiphon "Be not far from me, for trouble is near", as noted.

Stripping of the Altar

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar. The altar is stripped, an ancient gesture of Christ's humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers. The chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

Psalm 22

Antiphon (sung twice)



Psalm Tone



1 My God, My God, why have You for- / saken Me?*

Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of / My groaning?

2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You / do not hear;*

And in the night season, and am / not silent.

3 But You / are holy,*

Enthroned in the praises of / Israel.

4 Our fathers trust- / ed in You;*
They trusted, and You de- / livered them.

5 They cried to You, and were de- / livered;*
They trusted in You, and were / not ashamed.

Antiphon (sung twice)

6 But I am a worm, / and no man;*
A reproach of men, and despised by / the people.

7 All those who see Me ri- / dicule Me;*
They shoot out the lip, they shake the / head, saying,
8 “He trusted in the LORD, let Him / rescue Him;*
Let Him deliver Him, since He de- / lights in Him!”

9 But You are He who took Me out / of the womb;*
You made Me trust while on My / mother’s breasts.

10 I was cast upon / You from birth.*
From My mother’s womb You have / been My God.

11 Be not far from Me, for trou- / ble is near;*
For there is / none to help.

Antiphon (sung twice)

12 Many bulls have sur- / rounded Me;*
Strong bulls of Bashan have en- / circled Me.

13 They gape at Me / with their mouths,*
Like a raging and roar- / ing lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are / out of joint;*
My heart is like wax; it has melted / within Me.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings / to My jaws;*
You have brought Me to the / dust of death.

16 For dogs have sur- / rounded Me;*
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands / and
My feet;

17 I can count / all My bones.*
They look and / stare at Me.

18 They divide My garments / among them,*
And for My clothing / they cast lots.

Antiphon (sung twice)

19 But You, O LORD, do not be / far from Me;*
O My Strength, hasten / to help Me!
20 Deliver Me / from the sword,*
My precious life from the power / of the dog.
21 Save Me from the / lion's mouth*
And from the horns of the / wild oxen!
22 I will declare Your name to / My brethren;*
In the midst of the assembly I / will praise You.

Antiphon (sung twice)

23 You who fear the / LORD, praise Him!*
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of /
Israel!
24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the / afflicted;*
Nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to / Him, He
heard.
25 My praise shall be of You in the great / assembly;*
I will pay My vows before those / who fear Him.
26 The poor shall eat and be / satisfied;*
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live / forever!

Antiphon (sung twice)

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn / to the LORD, *
And all the families of the nations shall worship / before You.
28 For the kingdom / is the LORD's,*
And He rules over / the nations.
29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat / and worship;*
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who

cannot keep

Him- / self alive.

30 A posterity / shall serve Him.*

It will be recounted of the Lord to the next gen- / eration,

31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who / will be born,

That He / has done this.

Antiphon

All leave the church in silence.

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