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Maundy Thursday



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When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

“Jesus, The Fulfillment of the New Covenant”

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



Today and through this holy weekend, we remember the stark truth that nothing we do, even repentance itself, brings us back to God. Rather, He returns to us in love and mercy, working faith in our hearts to trust Him for all that we need. Christ was passionate in His desire to return to Jerusalem, changing the Passover meal, which recalls His people’s rescue from slavery in Egypt, into the Lord’s Supper. There He comes to be with us and even within us with His precious blood shed for us and His body given in our stead. At each reception of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord comes to us. How can we not respond? Mercy is ours not because we have returned but because the Lord here returns to us. Take, eat, drink: He returns to you! The service ends with the stripping of the altar, symbolizing the abuse our Lord suffered this night, and has no benediction, for our worship continues tomorrow, when we gather for the Good Friday service.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *“This Day Return to Me”*

- 1 This day return to Me. “Come now!” commands to Lord.
 Let your repentance be directed by My Word.
 This day return to Me for blessings great and free.

- 2 This day return to Me. Come now with songs of praise.
 Your full redemption see. Hymns of thanksgiving raise!
 This day return to Me in true humility.

- 3 This day return to Me. Come now and be restored.
 Strengthened and heartened be as people of the Lord.
 This day return to Me with hope-filled certainty.

- 4 This day return to Me. Come now and healing find.
 Raising you lovingly, I bring you peace of mind.
 This day return to Me with trusting loyalty.

- 5 This day return to Me. Come now this promise hear:
 For all eternity to Me you are most dear!
 This day return to Me as children gratefully.

- 6 This day return to Me. Come now and heed My call.
Sin's awe-full judgment see in life poured out for all.
This day return to Me. I call you constantly.
- 7 This day return to Me, come for the highest good.
In bread and wine shall be My body and My blood.
This day return to Me and feast eternally.

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Please stand...

INVOCATION AND KYRIE

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** have mercy.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

OPENING SENTENCES Hebrews 9:12,15; Psalm 111:9; Joel 2:13

P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

C Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P He sent redemption to His people;

C He has commanded His covenant forever.

P Return to the LORD, your God,

C for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God 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...

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.

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.

COLLECT

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.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

P The Old Testament Reading for Maundy Thursday is from Jeremiah, chapter thirty-one.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter five.

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, “*You are My Son, today I have begotten You*”; ⁶ as He says also in another place, “*You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.*” ⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand...

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 22:14-23

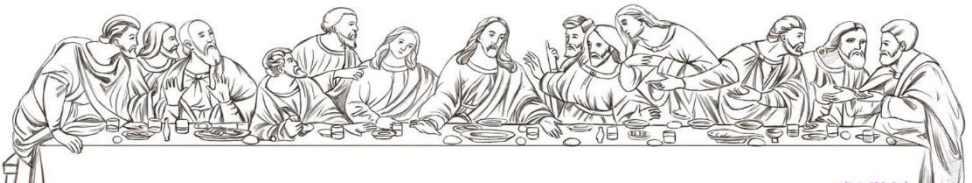
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, “*I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*” ¹⁶*For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.*” ¹⁷And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “*Take this, and divide it among yourselves.*” ¹⁸*For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.*” ¹⁹And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “*This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “*This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.*” ²¹*But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.*” ²²*For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!*” ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ



Please be seated...

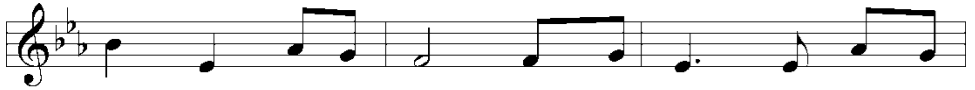
HYMN

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

LSB 445



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
3 What was there that You could give them That would
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



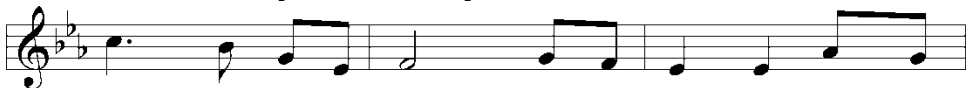
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
“Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
One with You and one an - oth - er In a
When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood.”
broth - er, One in ev - ry place and time.
mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

SERMON – *“I have Earnestly Desired to Eat this Meal with You”*

MUSICAL OFFERING *“The Lamb”* Carley and Kendall Wright

Please stand...

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

Gracious and merciful God, we turn to You, praying for the nations of the world and Your good creation. We fear the wars and civil strife, the rising seas and severe droughts that may occur.

C **Strengthen our faith and give us hope. Instill a desire for peace and justice in the leaders of the nations, and awaken in us all a sense of devotion to the care of Your good creation.**

P Redeeming Lord, we turn to You, praying for all who are denied human dignity for any reason and all who are enslaved to their personal addictions.

C **Open their hearts and minds to the truth of the freedom from sin You won for us. Release them from individual prisons of every kind. May they break forth in joy for their newfound freedom.**

P Hope of the hopeless, we turn to You, praying that You be with all who are frustrated by inadequate housing, unemployment, and isolation.

C **Surround them with supportive people of faith and guide them to the resources they need. Restore in them the certainty of Your presence so that they may stand to face whatever the future holds.**

P Heavenly Father, we turn to You, praying for those near and dear to us, and all who call out to You who are beset with various crises of faith and health.

C **Remind them of our Savior, who overcame death and the grave and rose on the third day. Use the skills You have placed within medical professionals and counselors of all sorts to show Your love, unknown to them in their present hour.**

P O Thou who changest not, we turn to You, praying for those who have strayed from the family of faith.

C **Open their ears to hear You calling them home. Surround them with people to speak Your Word and demonstrate Your care. May they ponder anew what the Almighty can do.**

P O Holy Spirit, we turn to You who tires not in inviting us to return, praying for all who are burdened with guilt or shame.

C **Remind them that it is the Savior who calls; let every ear hear and respond, confessing their sins in the sure hope of gracious forgiveness.**

P Lord Jesus, You returned to Jerusalem, passionate in Your mission to show mercy and love.

C **Give us confident faith at every reception of Your body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. Gather us as a hen gathers her chicks that the whole Church may rejoice together under Your eternal protection.**

P O Word of God Incarnate, You were sent by the Father to do His will.

C We give thanks that by Your obedient death and resurrection You returned to Him, having accomplished Your mission and offering pardon to all who bring their requests to Him in Your Name.

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose Name we pray; together:

THE 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.

Please be seated...

PREFACE HYMN

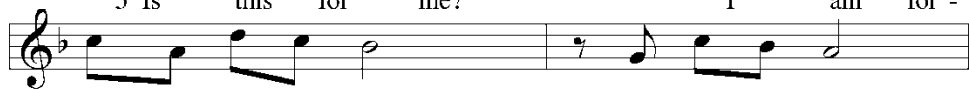
"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629



1 What is this bread?
 2 What is this wine?
 3 So who am I,
 4 Yet is God here?
 5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
 The blood of
 That I should
 Oh, yes! By
 I am for -



ris - en from the dead;
 Je - sus shed for mine;
 live and He should die
 Word and prom - ise clear,
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
 The cup of grace
 Un - der the rod?
 In mouth and soul
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,
 Brings His em - brace
 My God, my God,
 He makes us whole—
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Of life and love un - til I
 Why have You not for - sak - en
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.
 sing!
 me?
 meal.
 blood.

O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
 the Lord is King.
 the Lord is free.
 the Lord is real.
 the Lord is good.

Please stand...

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.” 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 you always.

C Amen.

When coming forward to receive communion, the usher will dismiss you from your pew, one side of the sanctuary at a time. Please maintain spacing while coming forward. Pastor will be standing at the end of the center aisle to give you the bread, and then you'll take a cup from the communion assistant before returning to your seat by the side.

Please be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Draw Near and Take the Body...” **LSB 637**



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Please stand...

DISMISSAL

P As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup

C we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

P Now may this true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

P After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest; mock trial; painful beating and scourging; the trudge to Golgotha and execution by crucifixion. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1-3

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - raign'd; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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Psalm 22 is read ...

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Depart quietly – reflecting on Christ's Passion.

Please return tomorrow as our Holy Week Service continue:

Good Friday – April 2 at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service – April 4 at 6:30 am

Easter Celebration Service – April 4 at 8:30 am