



# Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us the promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the suffering and death of our Savior on the cross. We thank You, too, that You continue to demonstrate these promises for us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Forgive us where we have sinned; strengthen our faith; and cause us to live lives that show forth Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

This day is known as Maundy Thursday which means, "The Thursday of the Commandment," referring to the new commandments of love given by Christ in the Upper Room the night before He died. He commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He then demonstrated His love in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and commanded His disciples to eat and drink.

The liturgical color for today is white. White is used on the "joy days" of the church year, symbolizing the purity, glory, and holiness that the Lord our God brings His people.

Holy Communion is part of the way God comes and cares for us, His disciples of today. It is a way in which we experience the presence of Christ – in, with, and under the bread and wine. It is also a way in which we proclaim to one another our faith in Christ Jesus our Savior until He comes again.

## PRELUDE

"Behold the Lamb" (Communion Hymn)

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*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

*Please stand*

## OPENING HYMN

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
  
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
  
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
  
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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## INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

**People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sin, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on our sins and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

**People: Amen.**

*Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sins.*

Pastor: With repentant hearts, we cry out:

**People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As an ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

570 Just As I Am, without One Plea vv. 1, 5 & 6

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Holy Lord, You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✘ WORD ✘

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:15-25

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." <sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.  
<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.  
<sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“The Blood of the Lamb”

Sarah R. Lambrecht

*The Father sees His children’s chains. From Pharaoh’s land they cry in pain.  
To rescue them, He makes a way: the blood of the Lamb.*

*The lamb is slain as sun is set—a perfect lamb, without defect.  
They stain their doors with innocence: the blood of the Lamb.*

*As midnight looms, the hour of death, God seeks the first-born, steals their breath,  
But passes o’er doors drenched in red: the blood of the Lamb.*

*Children of God, we too were slaves: our master—sin! Our end—the grave!  
But freedom came in crimson shades: the blood of the Lamb.*

*This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ. He gave Himself as sacrifice.  
His life poured out, the final price: the blood of the Lamb.*

*The blood He spilled, the life He spent, He gives us now is sacrament.  
Eternal life on Christ depends: the blood of the Lamb.*

*Please stand*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 22: 7-20

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

<sup>9</sup> "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

<sup>10</sup> He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

<sup>13</sup> They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.

<sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### OFFERING

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

setting by Johann Pachelbel

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:  
For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our remembrance of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, that as we receive His very body and blood our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

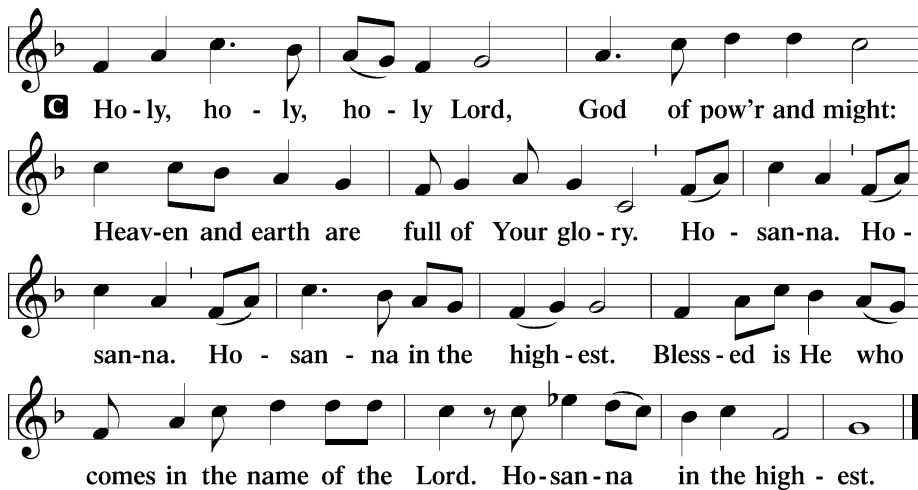
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and proper that we should give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You have called us as Your people and have invited us to be guests at Your table. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Pastor:** 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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."

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- 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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**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. (Refrain)**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)**

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*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious God, for this gift of forgiveness and life, a foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift, that we may love as we have been loved, and serve You with cheerful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

11:00 a.m. only

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:**       The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                  The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:**       **Amen.**

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**423**   Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1**   **Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**
  
- 2**   **Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.**
  
- 3**   **Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

**"Solemn March"**

**N. Johnson**

*Stripping of the altar (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.*

**PSALM**

*The Psalm is spoken during the stripping of the altar.*

Psalm 22:1-18

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
- 10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- 12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- 13 Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- 18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

*(Upon completion of the Psalm, all may leave the church silently)*

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher & Liturgist:		Theodore Laesch
Acolyte:	6:30 p.m.	Aniya Cleveland
Soloist:	11:00 a.m.	Ted Laesch
Accompanist & Organist:		Ryan Meyer

### Good Friday Services

**12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.**

### Easter Vigil Service

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m.**

### Easter Services

**Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

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