



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



† DIVINE SERVICE †

Due to the solemn nature of the day, the opening hymn is omitted. All enter in silence.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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.**

EXHORTATION

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevent us from trusting in God and loving one another. 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.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

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

We should also do this in remembrance of Christ, 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 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 body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made 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 also 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.

CONFESSION

John 20:19-23

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 T 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 T peace.
- C **Amen.**

T **WORD** T

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 12:1-14* (*Preparations for the Passover*)

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 11:23-32* (*Preparations for the Lord's Supper*)

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "There Is A Fountain" (Early American Melody/arr. Drennan)
Rodd Bauck, vocalist

HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:1-17, 31b-35* (*Jesus washes his disciples' feet*)

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

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

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (*LSB 445*)

SERMON "*More Than Meets the Eye*" (*Mark 14:22-25*)
Pastor Cory Rajek

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord Jesus Christ, on the solemn night of Your betrayal, You instituted the Sacrament in which You feed us Your body offered on the cross and Your blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to look beyond the humble elements of bread and wine and find in, with, and under them our dearest treasure so that we may fix our eyes upon You, the author and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Make us truly worthy and well-prepared to receive Your Holy Supper by giving us faith in Your words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Help us never to disbelieve these words or doubt them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P As You preserved Your holy people Israel during the Passover through the blood of lambs and led them out of bondage in Egypt, so also preserve us by Your precious blood and lead us out of bondage to sin and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, grant that we fear no evil, knowing that You have promised to those who eat of Your body and drink Your blood eternal life and that they will be raised up on the last day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P Into Your nail-scarred hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all that we have, trusting that You will grant all of our needs of body and soul; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Gracious Father, grant that we may put off our old selves with all our sinful deeds and put on the new person, which bearing the image of Your Son, Jesus, has been given to us in Holy Baptism, that when we let go of our earthly habitation, we may not be found unclothed, but being transformed may receive the garment of a new glorious body like His, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C **Amen.**
- P As He has blessed us by His Word and Sacrament, Jesus remains with us.
- C **As we behold the man, may we share with others the love He has freely given to us.**
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- C **In the name of the Lord.**

The pastors exit the Sanctuary in silence. There is no Benediction.

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