

# Maundy Thursday



**“I have eagerly desired to eat this  
Passover with you.”**

**- Luke 22:15**

## Worship Service

*Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.*



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Theme of the day:** Maundy Thursday ushers the believer into the “Three Holy Days” of Christendom. But something more than history is celebrated today: The holy sacrament that extends to the believer the very body and blood of the Savior and declares reconciliation through this most personal communion with Jesus. In him, with him, through him believers are reconciled to God and to one another.

### WORDS OF ENTRANCE FOR LENT

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Congregation: Amen.

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love. (refrain from Psalm 32)

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

C: **where does my help come from?**

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: He will not let your foot slip—

C: **he who watches over you will not slumber;**

M: indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: The LORD watches over you—

C: **the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

M: the sun will not harm you by day,

C: **nor the moon by night.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm—

**C: he will watch over your life;**

M: the LORD will watch over your coming and going

**C: both now and forevermore.**

♪ **Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
Remember your mercy and love.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: God has invited us into his presence to worship him with humble and repentant hearts. Therefore, let us confess our sins and ask him for forgiveness.

Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your wrath.  
Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;  
my bones have no soundness because of my sin.  
My guilt has overwhelmed me  
like a burden too heavy to bear.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: I am bowed down and brought very low;  
all day long I go about mourning.  
I am feeble and utterly crushed;  
I groan in anguish of heart.  
All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: I confess my iniquity;  
I am troubled by my sin.  
O LORD, do not forsake me;  
be not far from me, O my God.  
Come quickly to help me,  
O Lord my Savior.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

*Silence to reflect on the Word and to examine yourself.*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

M: Our holy and gracious Father in his infinite love has made us his own. Even when we were still enslaved by wickedness and death, He, in his mercy, sent his only and eternal Son, Jesus Christ, to share in our humanity, to live and to die as one of us, and in this way reconciled us with God, the Father of all. Through him, God has freed us from all unrighteousness, and has made us worthy of his presence. Through him, God has turned us from wrongs to truth, from sin to righteousness, and from death to life. In him we have forgiveness of all of our sins.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**Hymn # 304 (vv. 6,7), “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**

♪ **Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 116

*Refrain*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

### *Refrain*

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of 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.**

*Refrain*

### **FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14**

**The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.**

**<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame. (Hebrews 12:2)

**C:** As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:15-25

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

<sup>16</sup> This is the covenant I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord.  
I will put my laws on their hearts  
and I will write them on their mind.

<sup>17</sup> Then he adds: And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

<sup>18</sup> Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. <sup>21</sup> We also have a great priest over the house of God. <sup>22</sup> So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup> Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. <sup>25</sup> Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## ♪ Hymn # 136, "'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night"

'Twas on that dark, that doleful night  
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose  
Against the Son, our God's delight,  
And friends betrayed him to his foes.

**Before the mournful scene began,  
He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
What love through all his actions ran!  
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!**

**“This is my body, slain for sin;  
Receive and eat the living food.”  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
“’Tis the new cov’nant in my blood.”**

**“Do this,” he said, “till time shall end,  
In mem’ry of your dying friend;  
Meet at my table and record  
The love of your departed Lord.”**

**Jesus, your feast we celebrate;  
We show your death; we sing your name  
Till you return and we shall eat  
The marriage supper of the Lamb.**

## **MESSAGE OF THE DAY      Matthew 26:26-28**

**<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

## **THE SECOND ARTICLE**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

***What does this mean?***



**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** We 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**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 LORD'S SUPPER**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your Spirit.**

M: We lift up our hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

## ***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **♪ Hymn # 268 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross did suffer,**

**Ever patient and lowly,  
Yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:**

- 1 Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**
- 2 Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**
- 3 Your peace be with us, O Jesus!**

### ***DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

**Hymn # 312 (vv. 1-5,8) "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"**

**♪ Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Although you did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see  
Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,**

**Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true,  
And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.**

**Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**For your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.**

M: Dearest Jesus our Lord and our God, you took our sins with you on the cross, so , dead to sin, we might live in your righteousness. Have mercy on us now and in the hour of our death. Grant to us, your servants and to all who humbly remember your suffering and death a holy and productive life, and by your grace, guide us to eternal life with you in heaven; you who reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

*Silence to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.*

*When the music begins to play, you may leave in silence.  
The service continues at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow,  
where we will focus on Christ's death on the cross.*

***Tonight's account is not the end of the story.  
Come and hear what happened next!***

† **GOOD FRIDAY worship service at 7:00 p.m.**  
† **EASTER CELEBRATION Sunday, April 21st.**

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