

Maundy Thursday



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

- Luke 22:15

Worship Service

Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.

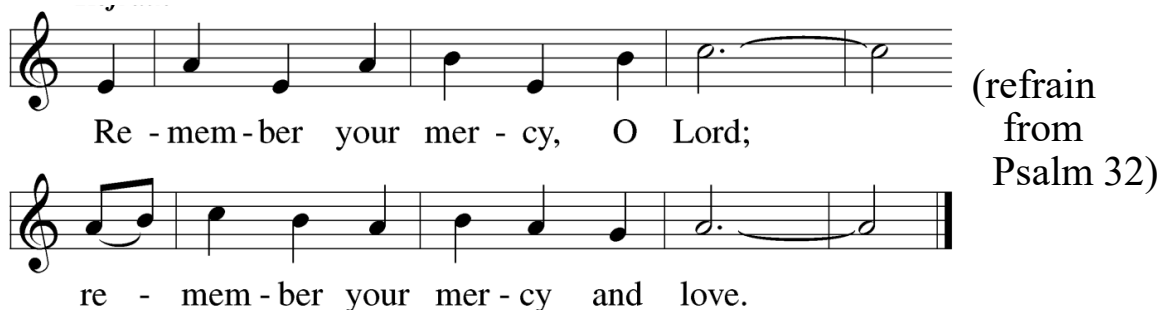


MAUNDY THURSDAY

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.

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

Congregation: Amen.



M: I lift up my eyes to the mountains.

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 stumble.

C: **He who watches over you will not slumber.**

M: Yes, he who watches over Israel will not slumber.

C: **He will not 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 strike you by day,

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

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

M: The LORD will watch to keep you from all harm.

C: He will watch over your life.

M: The LORD will watch over your going and your coming

C: from now to eternity.

**♪ 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: LORD, do not rebuke me in anger.

Do not discipline me in wrath.

There is no health in my flesh because of your rage.

**There is no wellness in my bones because of my sin,
because my guilt has gone over my head.**

Like a heavy burden, it is too heavy for me.

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 drooping. I am completely bent over.

All day long I go around mourning.

I have become numb. I am totally crushed.

I groan loudly because of my anxious thoughts.

Lord, all my needs lie before you.

My sighs are 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: So I declare my guilt,
and I am troubled by my sin.**

Do not forsake me, O LORD.

My God, do not be far from me.

Hurry to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

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”

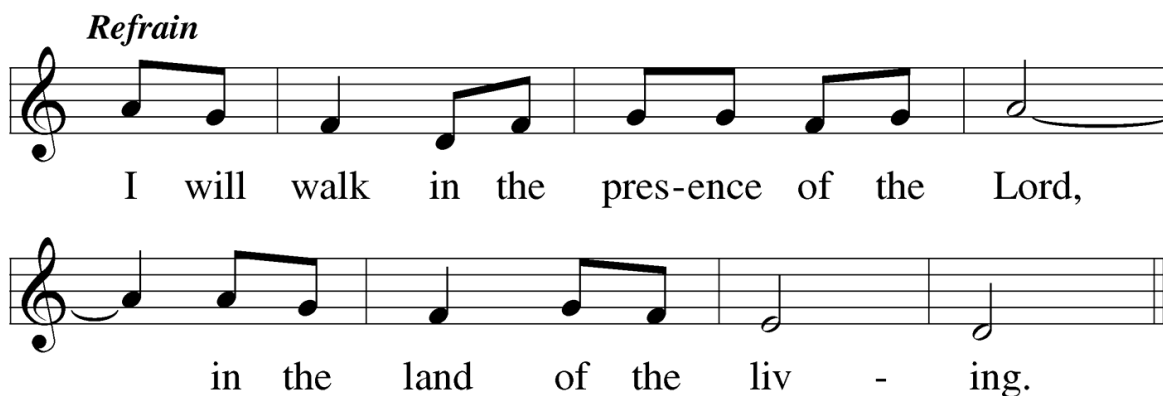
♪ Oh, how blest it is to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.

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



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 told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

²This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

⁵Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. ⁸That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

M: Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding 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

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

¹⁶This 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.

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

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

¹⁹Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. ²⁰It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²²So 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. ²³Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵Let 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 Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹He 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.” ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

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.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: # 312 (vv. 1-4,8)

**♪ 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.**

**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.**

Following the distribution prayer, the service continues with the Stripping of the Altar.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by His disciples and prepares the sanctuary for the austerity of Good Friday. During the Stripping of the Altar, the congregation sings Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (CW 268), and the Minister reads Psalm 88 – a psalm of Jesus' abandonment.

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Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Agnus Dei

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross did
 suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly,
 Your - self to scorn did of - fer. All sins you car - ried
 for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
 2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546; tr. composite.

Tune: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG (77 77 778) Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546.

Psalm 88

**¹O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out.
At night I cry before you.
²May my prayer come before you.
Turn your ear to my cry.
³Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles,
and my life has arrived at the grave.
⁴I am treated like those who go down to the pit.
I am like someone without strength.
⁵I am turned loose with the dead.
I am like the slain who lie in the grave,
like the ones you do not remember anymore,
like those who are cut off from your hand.
⁶You have put me in the lowest pit,
in dark places, in the depths.
⁷Your wrath presses against me.
You have battered me with all your breakers.
⁸You have distanced my acquaintances from me.
You have made me repulsive to them.
I am shut in and I cannot get out.
⁹My eyesight grows dim from affliction.
I call to you, O LORD, every day.
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰Is it for the dead that you do a miracle?
Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?
¹¹Is your mercy declared in the tomb,
your faithfulness in decay?
¹²Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?
Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?
¹³But I cry to you, O LORD,
and in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵I have been afflicted
and I have been close to death since my youth.
I have endured your terrors.
I am in despair.
¹⁶Your rage has swept over me.
Your terrors have destroyed me.
¹⁷All day long they surround me like water.
They have battered me completely.
¹⁸You have distanced my loved one and friend from me.
My only friend is darkness.**

No benediction is spoken to end the service.

No music is played.

The minister exits the chancel.

Each worshipper may remain for prayer and meditation
before dispersing quietly.

*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 17, 10:00 a.m.

