



*Maundy Thursday*  
*2021*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

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### THE PRELUDE

**WORSHIP NOTES:** Just as Ash Wednesday begins Lent so Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of “the most holy three days of the crucified, buried, and risen Lord” (St. Augustine). The day takes its name from the Latin *mandatum novum*, the “new command” of Jesus to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved (John 13:34). The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus' love and gives power to the church to live out his command. Maundy Thursday is a festival in which reconciliation is solemnly expressed and in which the congregation makes its transition from preparation for the celebration of the mystery of Christ's suffering to the celebration itself. Maundy Thursday thus shares a similar character to Ash Wednesday with its special confession of sins and words of reconciliation that began Lent.

### HOLY COMMUNION

*Participation in the Lord's Supper is a privilege Jesus extends to persons who adhere to his Word and have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. This biblical teaching is the basis for our practice of "close communion" at Our Savior. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they wish to commune.*

### SILENT PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE

Lord Jesus, this holy Thursday was a solemn day for you and is now a sacred day for us. As we meditate today on what you said and did during the hours before you were crucified, help us to hear your word with understanding and to celebrate your supper with a genuine appreciation for what it cost you and for what it means for us. Deepen our resolve to reflect your commitment to us in our devotion to you. Aware of your suffering for our sake, we pray. Amen.

## Order Of Service

### “FATHER, FORGIVE...!”

#### **OPENING HYMN**

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (See p. 11)

CWS, #717:1-2

*(Vocalist sings stanza 1; Congregation 2)*

## **PASSION HISTORY LESSON** John 19:10-15

"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

### **RESPONSES** *(sung, as on p. 52)*

...*STAND*

- P:** O Lord, open my lips.  
**C:** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**
- P:** Hasten to save me, O God.  
**C:** **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**
- P:** The Lord be with you.  
**C:** **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER**

- P:** Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the Church, in the waters of baptism you have given us new life and at your table you nourish us with the food of salvation. Along safe paths through the darkness of this world, silence the accusations of Satan, dispel the terrors of death, and bring us at last to your house, where you dwell with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

### **INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT**

- P:** In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should

not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his unconditional love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and take part in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is our covenant meal with God, the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns. Here we celebrate the joyous reconciliation with God and each other.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

#### ***STAND***

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.**

**In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.**

**I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.**

**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them.**

**I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

#### ***Silence for meditation***

**P:** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins.**

**Release me from my guilt.**

**Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

#### ***The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:***

**P:** The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **EXHORTATION**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**ALL: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always receive this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG**

***“Lamb of God”***

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.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 12:1-17

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 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. 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. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 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. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 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. “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. 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. “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. For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do. “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup

**C:** you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### **SONG**

***“Lamb of God”***

**Vocalist:** 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.

**Congregation:** Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood till I am just a lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**THE SERMON**

John 13:1-5, 12-17

**“Hands of Humility (Jesus)”**

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH** 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

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 HYMN**

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (See p. 11)

CWS, #717:3

**THE OFFERINGS & PRAYERS**

*Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Prayers conclude with the following...*

**ALL:** Almighty God, in your grace you provide us with unity of spirit to offer our petitions to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and requests as you determine to be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting. Amen.

# The Communion Liturgy

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS      “Remember Your Love”

**P:** *(Spoken)* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *(Spoken)* **AMEN.**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the LORD for pardon and strength.

**C:** **Lord Jesus you lead us through life’s desert. LORD have mercy.**

**P:** Christ Jesus the promise of salvation, Christ have mercy.

**C:** **Lord Jesus the flood of living water. LORD have mercy.**

**P:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting.

**C:** **AMEN.**

**C:** **Remember your love and your faithfulness, O LORD.**

**Remember your people and have mercy on us, LORD.**

## INVITATION      “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”      CWS, #744

Vocalist

*(Congregation joins on third through sixth Refrains)*

*Refrain*

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat. Come, give to us, O sav - ing Lord, The Bread of Life to eat."

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice,  
So when you call your fam’ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice.

***Refrain***



With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food.

***Refrain (Congregation)***

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?

***Refrain (Congregation)***

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell;  
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

***Refrain (Congregation)***

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

***Refrain (Congregation)***

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

CWS, #746

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and swordbringer  
Of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross.

Shining in eternal glory,

Beggared by a soldier's toss.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry!  
Worthy still your peace and strife!  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life.

**P:** O, Lord Jesus Christ, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left for us a memorial of your passion. Give us an appreciation for the sacred mystery of your body and blood, that we may always feel confident of our salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (sung)**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen. (sung)**

*After the benediction in the evening service the altar will be stripped, marking the transition from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, the Lord Jesus, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The events of Good Friday are near. The congregation observes the ceremony in solemn contemplation. as we also listen to selections from Psalms 31-32, while watching the betrayal in the upper room.*



### **MEDITATION & SILENT PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Mark Wagner

**Organist:** Monica Dierker

**Vocalist:** Lisa McLaughlin (7:00pm)

# 717 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



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  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great  
 bod - y, you the head, When we  
 vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing  
 with your dear ones on - ly for a  
 gift that would out - live them, what last  
 meet, by you in - vit - ed, When you are  
 saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of  
 qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less  
 will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me  
 with us, as you said, One with  
 heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the  
 Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal  
 and the world you love me, know me as the  
 you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -  
 longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



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



wag - es; 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.  
 mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL SERVICES!

GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. with Lord's Supper

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Sunrise & 9:30 a.m. Festival Service

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