



Maundy Thursday

2022

Maundy Thursday – April 14, 2022

The word *maundy* that identifies the Thursday of Holy Week is derived from the Latin word which means command. The name relates to the “new command” Jesus gave to his disciples while they were assembled in the upper room on the night before his crucifixion. “A new command I give you: Love one another.” (John 13:34) Holy Week is the account of God’s love for the lost. Love links us to God in Christ. Love is also the virtue that identifies us with Jesus. The Lord’s Supper is Jesus’ way of renewing the bond of forgiving love that binds him to us and us to one another. All of the elements of this worship service center our attention on what Jesus did to make his love real for us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

C: **He is Jesus, the incarnate God, sent from the Father and anointed by the Spirit.**

P: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

C: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

C: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

HYMN “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

CW,# 135:1-4

The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

He blotted out with his own blood The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made, And all our debt he fully paid.

That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee;
In this his holy supper here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.

His word proclaims and we believe That in this supper we receive
His very body, as he said, His very blood for sinners shed.

CONFESSION OF SINS

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

P: God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Therefore, we are assured that God in his mercy has given his Son to live and die for us, and for his sake has forgiven all of our sins.

C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Amen.**

PSALM 116 (p.7)

PRAYER

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 a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD **Luke 22:7-20**

HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See you Face to Face"

CW, #315:1-4

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

I have no help but yours nor do I need
Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in your might, your might alone.

Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

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SERMON **Matthew 26:26-29**

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." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Jesus Gives Himself in The Supper.

Come Seriously – Believing His Words. Come Joyfully – Receiving his Forgiveness.

OFFERING

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: **We gather in your presence to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

P: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: **We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

P: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, and as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: **We also give you thanks.**

P: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, sacrificed for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: **We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: **But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

P: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: **Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**

P: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: **Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.**

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.

THE SACRAMENT

EXHORTATION TO COMMUNICANTS

As Jesus and his disciples gathered together on Thursday evening of Passion Week to celebrate the Passover Feast, so we gather together in the name of our Savior, Jesus, who has prepared this feast of salvation for us. As Jesus' disciples received forgiveness through his body and blood,

given and shed for them, so we are reassured of our forgiveness through Jesus' body and blood, which we receive in this sacrament established by our Lord. As Jesus proclaimed his death to his disciples, so we, through this sacrament, proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Then, as believers in Jesus our Paschal Lamb, we now worship him and join together in the celebration of the feast of our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: (sing): **Amen.**

Sing: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

CW, #311

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.

Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.

Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.

THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See you Face to Face"

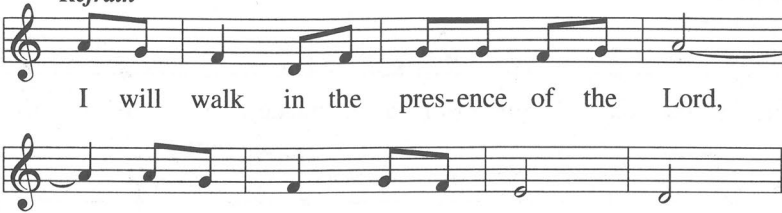
CW, #315:5-6

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

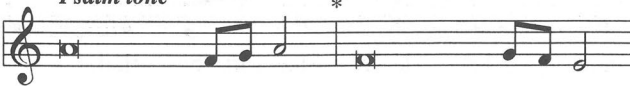
Psalm 116

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}.

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 good^{ness} 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

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THESE
SPECIAL SERVICES!

GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 p.m. (w/comm) & 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Sunrise

9:30 a.m. Festival Service

*Easter breakfast will be served
in the Family Life Center between services.*

All are invited to attend!!