



# MAUNDY THURSDAY



*The Order of Service*

**Opening Hymn: 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night** CW '93, 136

1 '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.

2 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!

3 "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."

4 "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."

5 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.

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **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 the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Epistle: 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 22:7-20**

<sup>7</sup>The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

<sup>10</sup>He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there."  
<sup>13</sup>They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

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

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

<sup>19</sup>He 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." <sup>20</sup>In 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.”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn: Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain**      CW 394

**1** Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
    sinners, ruined by the fall;  
here a pure and healing fountain  
    flows to you, to me, to all,  
in a full, perpetual tide,  
opened when our Savior died.

**2** Come in poverty and meanness,  
    come defiled, without, within;  
from infection and uncleanness,  
    from the leprosy of sin,  
wash your robes and make them white;  
you shall walk with God in light.

**3** Come in sorrow and contrition,  
    wounded, paralyzed, and blind;  
here the guilty, free remission,  
    here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
they that drink shall thirst no more.

**4** They that drink shall live forever;  
    ’tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
    break his covenant of blood,  
signed when our Redeemer died,  
sealed when he was glorified.

**Sermon Text—Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>Yes, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
    when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand

and led them out of the land of Egypt.  
They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after  
those days,  
declares the Lord.  
I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
<sup>34</sup>No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

*The Lord's New Covenant Shows How Much He Wants To Be Your  
God*

*I. The Old Covenant failed to maintain that relationship*

*II. The New Covenant assures you of this relationship*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the  
Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy  
Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake  
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father**

and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God pictured in the ancient Passover feast, who now gives us your own body and blood in Holy Communion. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death,

**So also strengthen our belief that the bread is your true body and the wine is your true blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.**

Prepare us to receive this sacrament by remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

**Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.**

We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.

**In your mercy, call them to return and renew their faith.**

Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

**Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we may remain faithful unto death and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb in whose name we pray:**

**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. 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**      *CW 167*

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,**

**blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: 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.

**Amen.**



O Christ, Lamb of God CW 169

♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.

### Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior CW 659

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
turned away God's wrath forever;  
by his bitter grief and woe  
he saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,  
he, this precious food supplying,  
gives his body with the bread  
and with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;  
take heed how you are preparing,  
for if you do not believe,  
judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion  
if salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose  
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,  
and receive my grace and favor;  
those who feel no pain or ill  
need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
that this food is to be taken  
by the souls who are distressed,  
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
unto us such food has given  
and, to mend what we have done,  
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
and your mouth your sin confesses,  
surely you will be his guest  
and at his banquet ever blest.

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face *CW 659*

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

## Thanksgiving

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**And his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink 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.

**Amen.**

### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

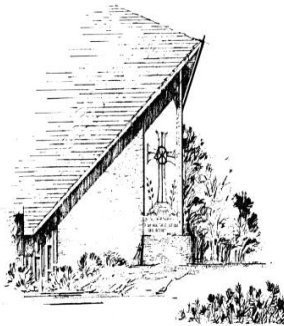
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: (by Choir) "Father, Keep Us in Thy Care"**

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**Our Good Friday services are tomorrow at 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.**



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