



Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

+ *John 13:1b*

MAUNDY/HOLY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, begins three services that form a single unit spanning three days. It is called the *Triduum*.

We begin with the New Testament of our Lord's body and blood. Here our Lord fulfills what came before, delivers to us His own flesh and blood, and anticipates the marriage feast of the Lamb without end which is to come.

The command to keep the Sabbath Day holy has been transformed! Our Lord has delivered to us the New Testament of His body and blood and the foretaste of the feast to come.

Luther reminds us that to keep this commandment is to despise not the preaching of His Word but gladly to hear and learn it.

Tonight this preaching is set before us in bread, which is Christ's body, and wine, which is His blood. The whole commandment takes on new meaning in the pledge and promise of Christ to give Himself as food for His people—heavenly food that forgives, strengthens, and assures us that we are His and He is ours.

A unique feature of Maundy Thursday is the return of our voices in song and the *Gloria in Excelsis*, which has been omitted in the Divine Service since the beginning of Lent (our *Alleluias*, absent since the beginning of Lent and the *Gloria Patri*, absent since the start of Passiontide, do not return until Resurrection Sunday).

This "greater Gloria," as it is sometimes called, is returned to us because this is the night when our Lord institutes His most blessed supper of His true body and most precious blood—so we fill our mouths with the song/hymn of glory as we prepare to receive the full glory of God in our mouths at the Sacrament of the Altar.

Also unique to Maundy Thursday is the "end." As this is the first of three connected services (the *Triduum*), the service does not actually end but pauses until Good Friday. As such, there is no Benediction at the end. After chanting Psalm 22 during the stripping of the altar, the congregation leaves in silence.

We begin the service tonight by gathering in silent contemplation of our Lord's Passion.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

Stand – The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy. *Psalm 43:4*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth *Psalm 124:8*

Sit

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as Saint Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

- P** O, almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C Amen.
- P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
C Yes.
- P** Let is be done for you as you believe.

Sit

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Individuals/families come forward to receive absolution from the pastor as he lays his stole upon the head and says:

- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

The penitents return to the pews as the next individual/family comes forward.

After all have returned to the pews, the congregation rises and the pastor speaks this blessing:

- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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INTROIT

Psalm 116:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm. The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.



(Antiphon) Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
 our God is | merciful.

- 1 I love the LORD, because | He has heard*
 my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
- 2 **Because He inclined His | ear to me,***
therefore I will call on Him as long | as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
 I suffered distress and | anguish.
- 4 **Then I called on the name | of the LORD:***
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

The antiphon is repeated.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

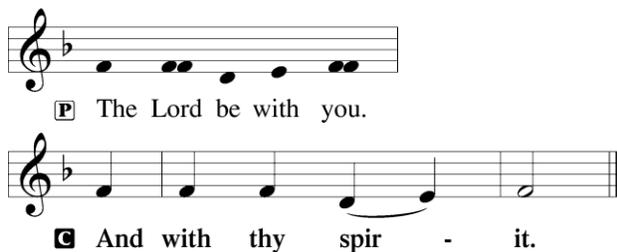
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24:3–11

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 24.

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”
⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | His own blood,*
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new | covenant,*
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to His | people;*
He has commanded His covenant for- | ever.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

P The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter ten.

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

John 13:1b

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:12–26 (NKJV)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹²Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?”

¹³And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. ¹⁴Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ ¹⁵Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us.”

¹⁶So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷In the evening He came with the twelve. ¹⁸Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me.”

¹⁹And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, “Is it I?” And another said, “Is it I?”

²⁰He answered them and said to them, “It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.

²¹The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born.”

²²And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

²³Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Lord, We Praise Thee

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1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this

they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind - us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav' n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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SERMON

Rev. Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Based on the Lord's Prayer

(1 Timothy 2:1–4)

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
- God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 2:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

VERBA: The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

John 1:29

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - - ra - el. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - - men.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Sit

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The communion vessels are removed reverently from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.

The congregation chants Psalm 22 in contemplation of our Lord's Passion (the Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide).



Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have You for- | saken Me?*
- Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My | groaning?
- 2 O My God, I cry by day, but You do not | answer,*
- and by night, but I | find no rest.
- 3 Yet You are | holy,*
- enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- 4 In You our fathers | trusted;*
- they trusted, and You de- | livered them.
- 5 To You they cried and were | rescued;*
- in You they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and | not a man,*
- scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
- 7 All who see Me | mock Me;*
- they make mouths at Me; they | wag their heads;
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let Him de- | liver Him;*
- let Him rescue Him, for He de- | lights in Him!"
- 9 Yet You are He who took Me | from the womb;*
- You made Me trust You at My | mother's breasts.
- 10 On You was I cast | from My birth,*
- and from My mother's womb You have | been My God.
- 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble | is near,*
- and there is | none to help.

- 12 Many bulls en- | compass Me; *
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round Me;
- 13 they open wide their | mouths at Me; *
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are | out of joint; *
My heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in My breast;
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks | to My jaws; *
You lay Me in the | dust of death.
- 16 For dogs en- | compass Me; *
a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My | hands and feet—
- 17 I can count | all My bones— *
they stare and gloat | over Me;
- 18 they divide My garments a- | mong them; *
and for My clothing they | cast lots.
- 19 But You, O LORD, do not be | far off! *
O You My help, come quickly | to My aid!
- 20 Deliver My soul | from the sword; *
My precious life from the power | of the dog!
- 21 Save Me from the mouth of the | lion! *
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
- 22 I will tell of Your name to My | brothers; *
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You:
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify Him; *
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of | Israel!
- 24 For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His | face from Him; *
but has heard, when He | cried to Him.
- 25 From You comes My praise in the great congre- | gation; *
My vows I will perform before those who | fear Him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall | praise the LORD! *
May your hearts live for- | ever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; *
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore You.
- 28 For kingship belongs | to the LORD; *
and He rules over the | nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship; *
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
- 30 Posterity shall | serve Him; *
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people | yet unborn; *
that He has | done it.

All leave the church in silence.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)



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