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## MAUNDAY THURSDAY

The Quarantine of Lent Is Over  
April 1, 2021 - 6:00PM & 7:30PM



### AS WE GATHER

The quarantine (literally, forty days) of Lent, a time of repentance, began on Ash Wednesday with an extended prayer and confession of sins, and with this reminder: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The forty days (not including Sundays, which are considered “little Easters”) come to their conclusion now in the three holy days, or Triduum, of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Therefore these days center around the only sacrifice that gives us absolution, the forgiveness we so desire: the body and blood of the Lord’s Supper that proclaim the glorious substitutionary suffering and death of our Lord on the cross and interment in the tomb. Only in this way can a person know and believe what there is to be so happy about on Easter Sunday!

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### HYMN

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning” *LSB* 445

- 1 **When You woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin’s wages:  
You assumed their dreadful sum.**
  
- 2 **Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples’ feet.**
  
- 3 **What was there that You could give them  
That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
What last will and testament?  
“Show Me and the world you love Me,  
Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
Eat this body, drink this blood.”**

4 One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

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### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another. Especially since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night on which He instituted this blessed Sacrament, it is proper that we examine ourselves since 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.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God's Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living. Therefore whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** 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.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**People:** Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

**BELLS OF ZION (7:30PM)**

"Lamb of God with There is a Redeemer"

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 24:3-11*

(The Lord's covenant with the people)

Moses 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." And 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then 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." And 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." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and 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. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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

Vicar: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

**People: thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Vicar: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

**People: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Vicar: He sent redemption to His people;

**People: He has commanded His covenant forever.****EPISTLE***1 Corinthians 10:16–17*

(Participation in the body and blood of Christ)

The 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? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.****VERSE***John 13:1b***Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.****HOLY GOSPEL***Mark 14:12–26*

(The Passover with the disciples)

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.****HYMN OF THE DAY***"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617*

**1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

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## SERMON

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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 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Vicar: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Vicar: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Vicar: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Vicar: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Vicar: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: **Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## **BELLS OF ZION (6:00PM)**

“Lamb of God with There is a Redeemer”

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575*

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain**

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**

**3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**

**4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

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“Salvation unto Us Has Come” *LSB 555*

**1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.**

**2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.**

- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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### The Dismissal

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✕ in peace.  
People: Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Vicar: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: Amen.

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 may be sung or spoken by congregation, choir, or a cantor.*

### PSALM

Psalm 22

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?  
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?  
O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.  
Yet You are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
In You our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and You delivered them.  
To You they cried and were rescued;  
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.  
But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
All who see Me mock Me;  
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;  
"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;  
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"  
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;  
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.  
On You was I cast from My birth,  
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.  
Be not far from Me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.  
Many bulls encompass Me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;  
they open wide their mouths at Me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
My heart is like wax;  
it is melted within My breast;  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;  
you lay Me in the dust of death.  
For dogs encompass Me;  
a company of evildoers encircles Me;  
they have pierced My hands and feet—  
I can count all My bones—  
they stare and gloat over Me;  
they divide My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.  
But You, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!  
Deliver My soul from the sword,  
My precious life from the power of the dog!  
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!  
I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:  
You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!  
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.  
From You comes My praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.  
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!  
All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and He rules over the nations.  
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 himself alive.  
Posterity shall serve Him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that He has done it.

*All leave the church in silence.*