

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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Faith Lutheran Church

East Wenatchee, Washington

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Holy, or “Maundy” Thursday is the first day of the holy Triduum (“three days”). On this night Jesus gave His command (mandatum, hence “Maundy”) to love one another. And He Himself first loved His disciples by giving them His Body and pouring out for them His Blood. In the Supper, which He instituted on the night when He was betrayed, He serves His beloved and then they, being fed, serve their own neighbors in love. It is by faith that we believe His words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” and it is by love that we do what our neighbor requires of us.

The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The pastor would be happy to speak with you about what we believe and teach so you may eat this meal of unity with us in the future.

The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them.

Hymn – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

622 vss. 1-4

THE SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

(At each ✠ one may make the sign of Christ’s cross. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.)

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Exhortation

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Sit

The Confessional Address

- P** Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which he strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for 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."

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."

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. 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.

Stand

Since we all stand individually before our God, asking for His mercy in Jesus Christ, we take this time of silence to examine ourselves and our sin in light of His Word.

The Confession of Sin

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's Name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

For those who would like to receive it, the Absolution will be given individually at the baptismal font. Please proceed by rows down the center aisle and return up the side aisles.

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.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you," that we may be reconciled with each other as Christ has reconciled us with God.

The Introit

Psalms 116:5; 116:1-4

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol
laid hold on me;**

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

THE WORD

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ 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. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ 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." ⁸ 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."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And 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.

The Gradual

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

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places by means of his own blood,

thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

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

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-28

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.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Verse

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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12-26

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Passover with the Disciples

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And 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, ¹⁴and 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?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ 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."

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²² 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." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ 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."

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

²⁶ And 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.

The 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.

Hymn - When You Woke That Thursday Morning 445

The Sermon – “Remember” 11 *Corinthians 11:23-28*

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The Offertory 192

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Offering

Stand

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy:

G Hear our prayer.

THE COMMUNION

The Preface 194

The Distribution

Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hymn - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	621
Hymn - Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	630
Hymn - Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	622 vss. 5-8

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Hymn - Go to Dark Gethsemane	436, vv. 1-3
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THE 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 service of Good Friday. When everything has been removed from the chancel, the congregation will pray Psalm 22, as follows:

The Psalm	22
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*(Prayed responsively by **whole** verse.*

The Gloria Patri ["Glory be to the Father..."] is omitted.)

All leave the church in silence following the conclusion of the Psalm and the Stripping of the Altar.

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The services of Holy Week will continue on

- + Good Friday at 7:00 pm** (*Tenebrae Vespers*);
- + The Vigil of Easter, Saturday at 8:00 pm**
- + The Resurrection of Our Lord**
 - 6:30 am** (*Sunrise Service*)
 - 7:30-9:00 am** (*Easter Breakfast*)
 - 9:30 am** (*Divine Service*)
 - 11:00 am** (*Children's Easter Egg Hunt*)

If you are not a member of Faith and would like to receive Communion at the Vigil of Easter or on Easter Sunday, please speak with the pastor prior to communing.

Individual Confession and Absolution will be offered on Holy Saturday from 2-3 pm in the sanctuary.