MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18, 2019



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.



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THE SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

(At each + one may make the sign of Christ's cross. At each \diamondsuit one may bow in reverence.)

The Invocation

- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.

Sit

The Confessional Address

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

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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 *Psalm* 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The New Covenant

³¹⁴Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- **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

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Verse

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7-20

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

 →
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Passover with the Disciples

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters "and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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.
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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

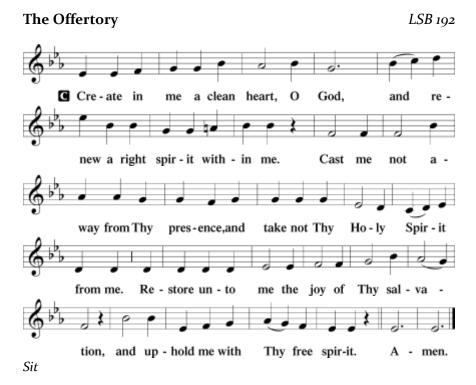
→ of the world to come. Amen.



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The Sermon

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Offering

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The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- **C** Hear our prayer.

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

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 lifegiving 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 - I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table

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5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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Stand





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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

(Prayed responsively by **whole** verse. The **Gloria Patri** ["Glory be to the Father..."] **is omitted**.)

Why Have You Forsaken Me?

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

 ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹Be not far from me,

for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

14I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within 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 encompass 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 among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

 ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my precious life from the power of the dog!

 ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴For 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.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All 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.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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 2:00-3:00 pm in the sanctuary.