

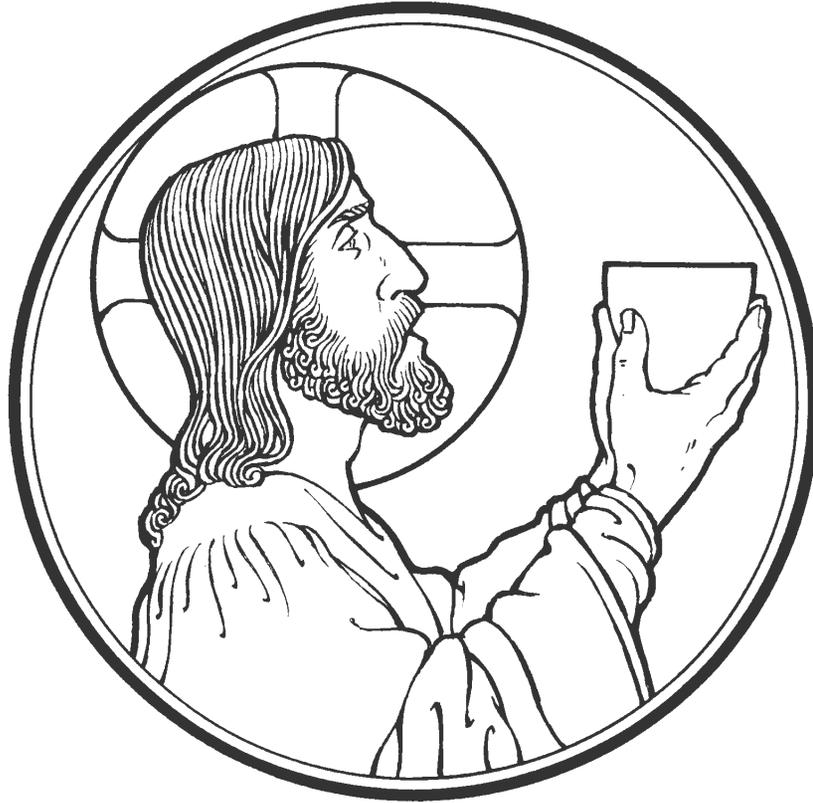
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HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

The eve of Good Friday is called Holy Thursday, or “Maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatus,” which means “command.” It is so called because on this night Jesus mandated, or instituted, for His Church. In His Supper He feeds us with His very body, cross, and His very blood, which was poured out for many for the life of the world. How He gives us His body and blood in this Supper is a great mystery that we simply say, “Amen” (“Yes, I believe it.”). On this same night Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them—served them—and us—with His life and as He continually serves us, so, too, are we commanded to give our lives in service to one another.



Divine Service

with Blessing of Communion Vessels

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

April 1, 2021

THE BLESSING OF NEW COMMUNION VESSELS

Tonight, we thank God for the new communion vessels and linens—multiple linens—gifted some time ago to Trinity through the memory of Bernard Harms. By the word of God and prayer, they will be formally set apart for holy use in our Lord’s Supper.

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

St. Paul writes that, before someone receives the Lord’s Supper, “let each of us examine himself...” (1 Cor 11:28). He also writes concerning the holy ministry (apostles and pastors), “Let a man so account himself a steward of the mysteries of God” (1 Cor. 4:1).

Therefore, it is our practice not to admit anyone to the Lord’s Supper until their confession and life are unknown to the pastor until adequate self-examination and pastoral care. Thank you for helping us with you and the distribution of our Lord’s gifts.

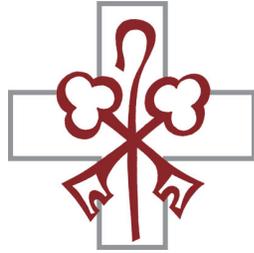
THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service tonight concludes with the ceremony of the Stripping of the Altar. Psalm 22 is chanted, everything is removed from the altar so that it is bare. As a symbol of God’s presence, the altar reminds us of Jesus. The action of stripping the altar’s ornaments and vestments is a humiliation of our Lord, who, being stripped of His garments, laid out on a shameful death on a cross for our salvation.

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Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution



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

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

C **Amen.**

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

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil... May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

Stand. 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 n God's?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead a my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you c your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He T peace.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sac body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption i manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Fath one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

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

Gradual



He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

Epistle

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

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup
unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and
²⁸the cup. ²⁹Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the
cup. ³⁰For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning
drinks judgment on himself. ³¹That is why many of you
some have died. ³²But if we judged ourselves truly, we
will not be condemned along with the world.

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

Psalm (Tract)

Psalm .



He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

My flesh is true food, and my blood is | true drink.*

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and | I in him.

Holy Gospel

John 13:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

LSB 445, "When You Woke Th

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Blessing of Communion Ve

P Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is right that the vessels used to convey to us His body sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.



Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people,
in the courts of the house | of the LORD,*
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

P Let us pray.
 Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless these linens and vessels for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these cruets, altar linens, and all who receive the life-giving Sacrament.
C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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.

Proper Preface

P 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry.
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. B
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the na
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the |

Lord's Prayer

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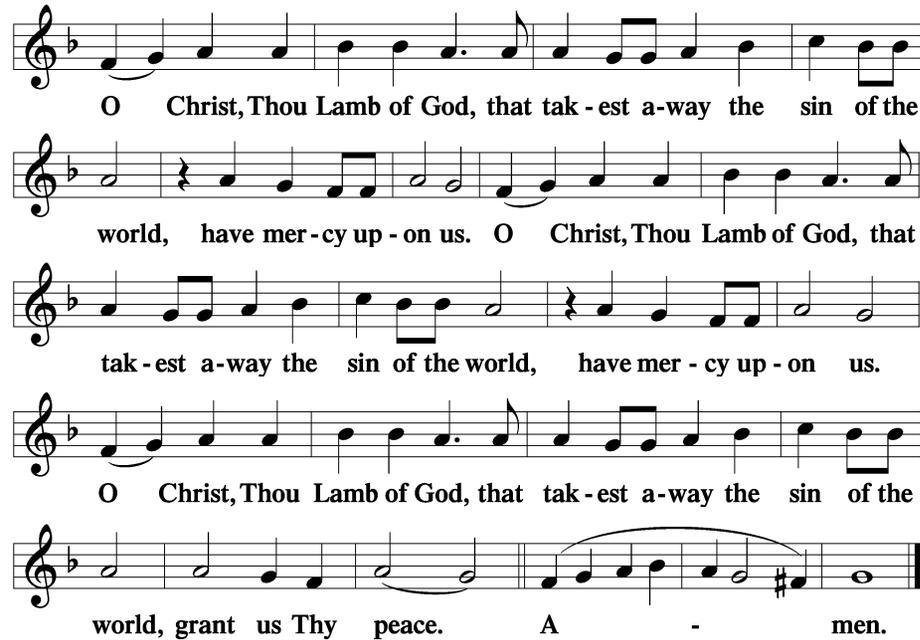
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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.

Stripping of the Altar

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service "The Stripping of the Altar" on page 1 of this bulletin for an extraordinary ceremony). Offerings may be placed in one of the plates as you congregation is asked to leave in silence.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **T** in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit