

By His Wounds We Are Healed
Christ Our Passover

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The Passover is the defining event for the people of God before the coming of Christ. Death passed over the homes marked by the blood of the lamb, leading to their release from bondage in Egypt. The people of God were to commemorate this event by a special meal in their homes. This event, and its annual celebration pointed ahead to the coming of Christ, the Lamb of God, by whose blood we are redeemed. Christ has given his church a new Passover meal, the Lord's Supper, in which we commemorate and receive the blessings of the Lamb every time we gather to celebrate it.

Welcome

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (LSB 435)

Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come, in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace may find;
Health this fountain will restore,
They that drink shall thirst no more:--

Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white:
Ye shall walk with God in light.

They that drink shall live for ever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood:
God is faithful;--God will never
Break his covenant in blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

People: Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

People: **crushed for our iniquities;**

Pastor: upon Him was the punishment that made us whole,

People: **and by His wounds we are healed.**

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

People: **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Pastor: Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch--as you really are.

People: **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Readings

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-13

^{12:1}The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

Gospel: Matthew 26:17-30

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the ^[b] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You O Christ

Gospel: John 1:29

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

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Sermon

Prayers

Please chat your thanksgivings, and then when prompted, your petitions

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise you

People: **Thanks be to God**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

*May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now always.*

Amen.

The Lamb

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, he dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

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Discussion

1. Exodus 12:14-28 describes how the people of God were to commemorate the Passover each year. Why do you think God wanted them to do this?
2. The Passover commemorated an important historical spiritual event in the history of God's people. What are some of the important spiritual events in your personal history? Why are these good to remember?
3. The Passover was to be celebrated in people's homes – not in the synagogue, tabernacle or temple. What does this say about our homes as places of worship? How can you make your home a place of worship during this time of Shelter at Home?
4. The blood of the lamb protected the people of the Exodus from death. Talk about all the blessings that are yours because of the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus.
5. The Old Testament contains numerous religious ceremonies and rituals. Besides baptism, the only religious ceremony given by Jesus to His church is the Lord's Supper, the New Testament Passover. Talk about the blessings of this sacrament. Why do you think Jesus only gave the gathered church this one ceremony?

Offering

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Blessing

*May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now always.*

Amen.