

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

7:00 PM

As We Gather

“This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Today we celebrate and commemorate the covenant meal which Jesus has given to us, His Church: *“Do this in memory of Me.”* This meal celebrates, illustrates, and incarnates our covenant oneness with Christ. It confirms us in our identity and empowers us for the kingdom work to which Christ sends us. May the reality that we celebrate tonight shape our lives each day!

The service concludes with the “stripping of the altar,” the removal of all items and ornamentation from the chancel, representing the humbling and persecution of Christ after His arrest.

The following young people will be making their first Communion. We rejoice with them and their families at this occasion:

Ivy Alexander
Troy Carey
Abigail Johnson

Adleigh Koen
Abigail Zimmerman

+Gathering+

Opening Hymn

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617

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 heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Prayer

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

Confession

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we examine ourselves, as St. Paul instructs us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Psalm 51:1-12

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.**

P: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

C: **Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.**

P: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

C: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:1-4, 11-14

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, ² but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

³ When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. ⁵After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "You shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For He knew who was going to betray Him, and that was why He said not every one was clean.

¹²When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

When He was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him. ³²If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once.

³³"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

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.

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” (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 and 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."

One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

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.

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.

Sermon

“A Covenant Meal”

Prayer of the Church

After each prayer

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Musical Offering

*“Nighttime in the Garden”
Patricia Mock Arr. By Faye López*

Sanctuary Choir

Nighttime in the garden
where deepest darkness fell,
All around was silent,
except for night-wind’s wail
When Christ, the Man of Sorrows,
In tears and sweat and blood
There on the ground cried, “Father,”
As He raised His voice to God.

“Abba, Father, if there be some way,
Abba, Father, take this cup I pray.”
He knew the suff’ring yet to endure
As the Sacrificial Lamb so pure.
“Abba, Father, Thy will be done.”

Burdened with offenses
Which we’re not His own,
He for our transgressions
Weeping all alone;
No friends with words to comfort
Nor hand to help was there,
When Jesus, meek and lowly,
Humbly bowed His face in prayer.

“Abba, Father, if there be some way,
Abba, Father, will you take this cup, I pray.”
There in the garden our Savior prayed
For the world He loved and came to save.
“Abba, Father, Thy Will be done.”

Nighttime in the garden.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. 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, like Abraham our father, to

trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: **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.**

The Words of Institution

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: **Amen.**

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.**
(Take and drink)

Communion Hymn

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you
outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and
shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry

whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts
sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks
endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer

The Stripping of the Altar

The vessels, candles, linens, and paraments are removed from the altar, which is symbolic of the humiliation Christ experienced by the stripping of His garments prior to His crucifixion.

Psalm 22 Printed in the handout but not on the screen

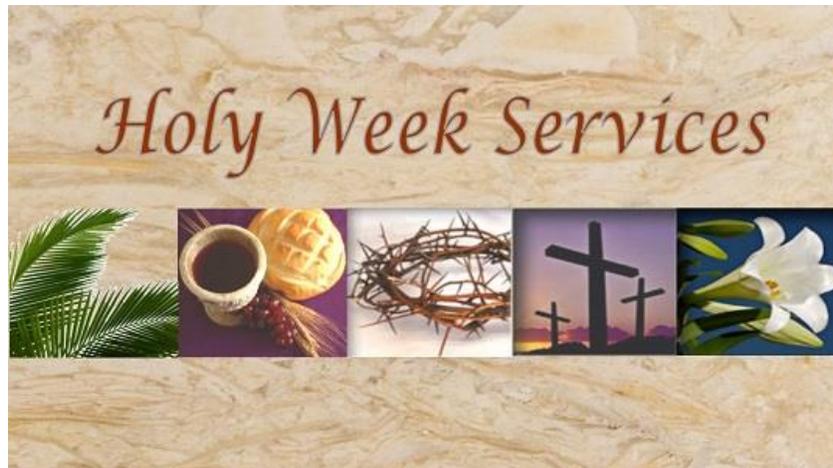
- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
- ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
- ⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him."
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."
- ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
- ¹² Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- ¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.
- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

- ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.
- ¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- ²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- ²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.
- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

At the conclusion of the stripping of the altar, please leave the church in silence.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Liturgist	Kevin Mathison
Lay Reader	Hunter Bledsoe
Communion Assistants	Anne Heine, Hayden Kirkman, Rebecca Vitkus, Trudy Stringer
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Sound Technician	Brian Schoenfeld
Streaming Technician	Joel Wahlers
Worship Preparation Team	Betsy Gewirz, Bob & Doris Klein
Ushers	Clint & Bev Holdsworth
Projection Technician	Bob Klein



April 15	Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 16	Easter Vigil	8:00 PM
April 17	Easter Sunday	8:30 AM – Indoor and Streaming 10:30 AM – Indoor