

## HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

We Remember Him

March 24, 2016

### AS WE GATHER

Thursday: The night on which Jesus was betrayed. The night on which the King served and washed His own with water and Word. The night on which the Lamb of God shared with His disciples the very body and blood that gives them life. As we gather together for this time of worship, we remember Him. We remember the One who loves, who serves, who forgives, and who calls us to do the same. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus on this Holy Thursday, may He ready our hearts to receive what is His alone to give.

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### OPENING HYMN #445 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (tune: LSB 542)

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.

Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones 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.

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 in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev’ry place and time.

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.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather on this Thursday of Holy Week, let us humbly draw near to the Lord to remember what He has done and to receive what He gives to us by His Word and Sacrament. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: **and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray to our Father:

People: **We confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sins we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some of our transgressions are known only to you. Surely we were sinful from birth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest securely in you. Amen.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. He is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world—your sins, my sins, the whole world’s sins! Receive this forgiveness through the Word we hear and the Sacrament we share. As your pastor and servant of the Lord, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus is here to bless us with His Word!

People: **As we remember Him, let us receive what is His to give.**

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

(Be seated)

### ✠ WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 12:1–14* (The Lord institutes the Passover.)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell 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. If 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. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then 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. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This 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. "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. The 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 a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 11:23–32* (Paul passes on what he receives from Jesus.) For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, 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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**6:00 BELL ANTHEM** *Nearer, My God to Thee* – *BETHANY*, arr. Robert Lamb

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 13:1–35* (Jesus sets the example of lasting love.)

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. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When 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. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "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. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN #446** "Jesus, Greatest at the Table" (tune: LSB 621)

Jesus, greatest at the table, The almighty Son of Man,  
Laid aside His outer clothing, Poured some water in a pan;  
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence, He the servant task began.

Marvel how their Lord and teacher Gently taught them not to vie  
As He humbly knelt before them, Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
By His tender touch expressing True compassion from on high.

Jesus took the role of servant When upon that gruesome span,  
For all humbly knelt before them, As a vile and loath-some man;  
On the cross poured out like water To fulfill the Father's plan.

Can we fathom such deep mercy? Do we see what God has done?  
Who can grasp this great reversal: Love that gives His only Son?  
Christ, the sinless for the sinners, For the many dies the One.

Jesus gave to His disciples A commandment that was new:  
"Show My love to one another, Do as I have done for you;  
All the world will know you love Me As you love each other too."

**SERMON** "... As I Have Loved You" **John 13:1-35**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy upon us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and the fervent love and cleansing forgiveness shown forth in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** May your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all who are blinded and bound in the devil's snare to know Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Strengthen us by your Spirit according to your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified with the One who was betrayed and handed over to death for us. Into your saving hands, we commend those with special concerns, and all those we name in our hearts and minds, that your will may be done among us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust in you to provide for all our needs of soul and body. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before you, and that no sin may sever our hearts from your presence and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by your Spirit to drown our sinful desires in the water of our Baptism into Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** And lastly, O Father in heaven, deliver us from all evil through the Savior who brings deliverance to us all. The kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to you, forever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **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.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** 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. In ancient times you passed over your children, Israel, sparing them because of the blood that was shed. Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the ultimate Passover Lamb, whose blood sets us and all nations free. Free to receive what you alone can give, we praise your holy name in this eucharistic feast. 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**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He,

blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you stoop to serve and to save your people through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Rejoicing in His presence among us, we give thanks for the One who serves us and washes us clean, as He did the Twelve on the night when He was betrayed. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN # 547 “The Lamb”

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain**      **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. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev’ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

### HYMN #570 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” *(Bell Accompaniment)*

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## HYMN #617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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!

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 there-of 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!

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

(Rise)

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** As He has blessed us by His Word and Sacrament, Jesus remains with us.

**People:** As we remember Him, let us share with others what He has freely given to us.

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**10:00 HYMN #524 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart’s unrest;  
‘Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev’ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

**6:00 THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – The Reading of Psalm 22**

*As the verses of the psalm are read, the candles are extinguished. All linens and adornments are removed by the altar guild and elders. These are signs that our Lord Jesus was stripped, beaten, and crucified.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: Gracious Father, grant that we may put off our old selves with all our sinful deeds and put on the new person, which bearing the image of your Son, Jesus, has been given us in Holy Baptism, that when we let go of our earthly habitation, we may not be found unclothed, but being transformed may receive the garment of a new glorious body like His, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**People: In the name of the Lord.**

*The worshipers leave in silence.*

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**Good Friday Worship: March 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 & 6:00pm**

**Easter Vigil: March 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm**

**Easter Celebration: March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am**