

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED IN HIS HOLY SUPPER

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A Prayer upon Entering the Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, you offered your body and shed your blood to pay for my sin. To strengthen my faith and to assure me of forgiveness, you have given me your Holy Supper; I thank you for the privilege I have this evening to receive this sacrament. Bless us who have gathered in your name and accept our prayers and our praises. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Communion

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Pre-service music

Silent Prayer

## Hymn 717 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

### Sermon: I Corinthians 11:23-26

### Instructions for the end of Lent

In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross in order to secure our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all the things that keep us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at our Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our sinful lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never tires of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God Himself. This absolution we should not doubt but we should firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal together. Together we receive the Lord's gift of His body and blood as a pledge of His forgiveness and participate in the new covenant that makes us one with Him and one in faith with one another. The Lord' Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

### Confession and Absolution

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for Meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Exhortation

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other and saying:*

**C: Peace be with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray:

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe**

your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

## Psalm 116

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## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:15-25

## Verse of the Day

I Corinthians 11:26

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## The Gospel

Luke 22:7-20

## Hymn 135 s. 1-5 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

## Offering

## The Prayer of the Church

M: Lord God, heavenly father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: **We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.**

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: **We give you humble and joyful thanks.**

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when He broke the bread and as He gave thanks to you when He took the cup,

C: **So we also give you thanks.**

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and Offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: **We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins.

C: **But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our guilt has been removed and that our sins are no longer remembered.**

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: **Move us to encourage one another to show love and to do good works.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

M: As our Lord served His disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: **Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Words of Institution

## Hymn 268 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

## Distribution

## Hymn 313 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## Stripping of the Altar

## Hymn 136 'Twas On That Dark, that Doleful Night

*During the hymn the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.*