

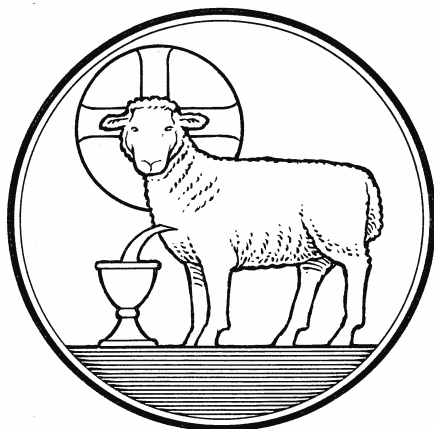
# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

**MAUNDY** is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment "to love one another even as I have loved you." Jesus' love can be seen in His example of servant hood (washing His disciples' feet) and the gift of Himself in the Lord's Supper, which we are commanded to celebrate often, in remembrance of Him.

### **TRINITY PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION**

We welcome all of you to our celebration of Holy Communion this evening. Because of the sad divisions that exist in Christianity today, we cannot invite all of you to the Lord's Table. Trinity practices closed Communion which means we commune active members of Trinity and those guests who have been invited to commune prior to the service. If you are a guest and have not spoken to our pastor, please do not come forward to receive Communion.

## THE PRELUDE

### THE OPENING HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (TLH 142: 1-4)

1. **A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of all men bearing;  
And laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing!  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer;  
Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery, and saith,  
"Willing all this I suffer."**
  
2. **This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Him God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father saith,  
"And free men from the fear of death,  
From guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Thy Passion men shall share  
The fruit of Thy salvation."**
  
3. **"Yea, Father, yea, most willingly  
I'll bear what Thou commandest;  
My will conforms to Thy decree,  
I do what Thou demandest."  
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!  
The Father offers up His Son!  
The Son, content, descendeth!  
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!  
Thou beddest Him within the grave  
Whose word the mountains rendeth.**

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be  
 Thy mercy's wondrous measure;  
 To sacrifice myself for Thee  
 Shall be my aim and pleasure.  
 My stream of life shall ever be  
 A current flowing ceaselessly,  
 Thy constant praise outpouring.  
 I'll treasure in my memory,  
 O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,  
 Thy gracious love adoring.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER

#### *ALL STAND*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** AMEN. (sung)

### THE INTROIT (116:12-17) (Chanted)



I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
 and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord\*  
 for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
 and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord\*  
 is the death of his saints.

O Lord, truly I am your servant;\*

I am your servant, the son of  
 your maidservant; you have freed me  
 from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you\*  
 and call on the name of the Lord.

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
 and call on the name of the Lord.

*(Antiphon, Ps. 116:13;  
 Ps. 116:12-13, 15-17)*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** AMEN. (sung)

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord commands His people to celebrate the Passover feast.

## **THE GRADUAL** (chanted by cantor)

[Christ] entered the Most Holy Place <sup>1</sup>once for all\*  
by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

He is the mediator of a new <sup>1</sup>covenant,\*  
that those who are called may receive the promised  
eternal inheritance.

He provided redemption for his <sup>1</sup>people;\*  
he ordained his covenant for<sup>1</sup>ever. (*Heb. 9:12b, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*)

## *MEN'S CHOIR ANTHEM*

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

I Corinthians 11:17-32

St. Paul speaks of the proper and improper use of the Lord's Supper.

## ALL STAND

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 22:7-20

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recounted.

### THE CONFESSION OF FAITH    The Sacrament of the Altar

**P:**     What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**C:**     **IT IS THE TRUE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNDER THE BREAD AND WINE, INSTITUTED BY CHRIST HIMSELF FOR US CHRISTIANS TO EAT AND DRINK.**

**P:**     What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

**C:**     **THESE WORDS, "GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS," SHOW US THAT IN THE SACRAMENT FORGIVENESS OF SINS, LIFE, AND SALVATION ARE GIVEN US THROUGH THESE WORDS. FOR WHERE THERE IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THERE IS ALSO LIFE AND SALVATION.**

**P:**     How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

**C:**     **CERTAINLY NOT JUST EATING AND DRINKING DO THESE THINGS, BUT THE WORDS WRITTEN HERE: "GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS." THESE WORDS, ALONG WITH THE BODILY EATING AND DRINKING, ARE THE MAIN THING IN THE SACRAMENT. WHOEVER BELIEVES THESE WORDS HAS EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAY: "FORGIVENESS OF SINS."**

**P:** Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

**C: FASTING AND BODILY PREPARATION ARE CERTAINLY FINE OUTWARD TRAINING. BUT THAT PERSON IS TRULY WORTHY AND WELL PREPARED WHO HAS FAITH IN THESE WORDS: "GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS." BUT ANYONE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE WORDS OR DOUBTS THEM IS UNWORTHY AND UNPREPARED, FOR THE WORDS "FOR YOU" REQUIRE ALL HEARTS TO BELIEVE.**

**THE SERMON HYMN**

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" (LSB 620, 1-6)

1. Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.
3. Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung up upon the cursed tree.
4. God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour-  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.
5. Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,

**Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.**

- 6. Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror  
Cleanses me from sin and error  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE OFFERING**

### **THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*All may kneel for confession.*

## **THE HYMN “Not All the Blood of Beasts” (TLH 156:1-3)**

- 1. Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.**
- 2. But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.**
- 3. My faith would lay her hand  
On that dear head of Thine  
While like a penitent I stand  
And there confess my sin.**

## THE EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION (TLH, p. 48)

And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart:

1. Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: **I do confess.**

Truly, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

2. Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: **I do repent.**

Truly, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

3. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: **I do believe.**

Truly, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

4. Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will henceforth amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: **I do promise.**

Truly, you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

5. Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: **I do believe.**

As you believe, even so may it be unto you.



## **THE ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: AMEN.** (Sung)

*All may stand for The Sanctus.*

**THE SANCTUS** (sung to: "Ebenezer")

**Lamb of God, our mighty Savior,  
All our sins You take away.  
Lamb of God, by Your great favor,  
Lord, have mercy now, we pray.  
Lamb of God, our prayers attending,  
Never let Your mercies cease.  
By Your Presence here among us,  
Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

**Children of a loving Father  
Come, your hearts and lives prepare.  
Gather 'round your Lord's own table  
And unbounded blessings share;  
By the Word of God here spoken  
Hope is made reality;  
Blood outpoured and body broken  
That from sin we might be free!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
Give us this day our  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

be Thy name.  
dai - ly bread;  
us from e - vil;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for

earth as it is in heaven.  
those who trespass a - gainst us.  
ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE AGNUS DEI (sung to: "Abide with Me")

**Blood of the Lamb, once painted on the door.**

**Angel of death beheld and then pass o'er.**

**Blood of our Lord, in love now lifted up.**

**Promise of mercy in this sacred cup.**

**O Lamb of God, once suff'ring on the cross;**

**O Lamb of God, who did redeem our loss;**

**O Lamb of God, though discords never cease,**

**Grant us Your mercy, Lord.**

**Grant us Your peace.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

TLH 315

## THE THANKSGIVING

"The Mercy of the Lord Adore"

(Melody: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" TLH 123)

**The mercy of the Lord adore,  
Christ's great compassion see;  
Our sins upon the cross He bore  
That we might righteous be.**

**His body broken, blood outpoured  
Becomes a token sure;  
The loving kindness of the Lord  
Forever shall endure.**

**Although the grave that beckons me  
Shall turn me back to dust,  
Yet in my flesh my God I'll see  
In whom I place my trust.**

**No care my confidence can drown;  
My gracious God forgives!  
No grave can keep this body down,  
For my Redeemer lives!**

**P:** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, in the end of the world.

Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

**C:** AMEN. (sung)

## THE BENEDICTION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you all.

**C:** AMEN. (sung)

### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

"Abide with Me! Fast Falls the Eventide" (TLH 552:5-8)

5. **Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.**
  
6. **I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!**
  
7. **I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.**
  
8. **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me! Amen.**

### **Stripping of the Altar**

This serves as a solemn reminder of how our Lord was stripped of all His belongings and followers leaving Him alone to face the gathering darkness. It is done swiftly, without the usual reverence for the things of the altar, because this is how our Lord was treated.

**As choir sings "Lamb of God Pure and Holy", you may  
exit the sanctuary.**

# Our Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow with a Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 PM.

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