

MAUNDY THURSDAY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three



SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- P I will go to the altar of God,
- to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

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Confessional Address

During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution

- 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 Spirit.
- C Amen.

Blessing

- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in

 → peace.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.



OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

- [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

P Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 22:7-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-second chapter.



⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ 445

WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING



SERMON

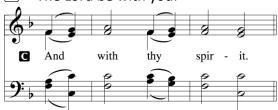


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

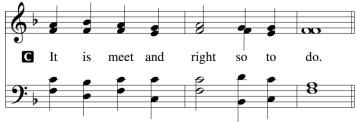
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ 563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



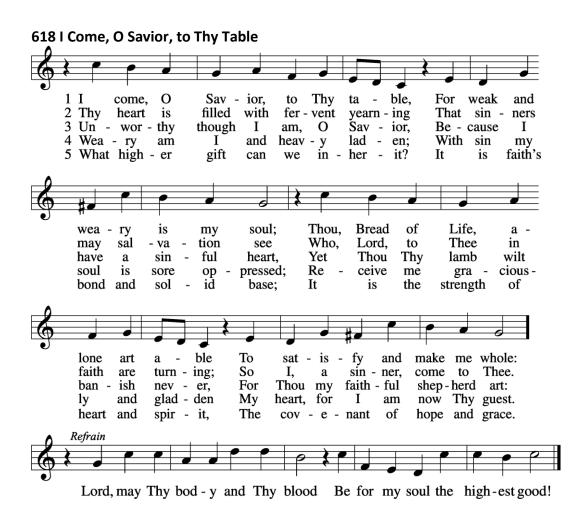
- When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY



637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD





Stand

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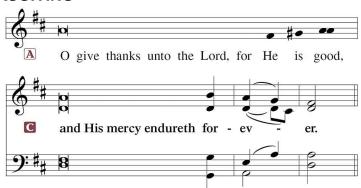
The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C Amen.





THANKSGIVING

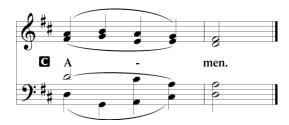


The following is said or chanted:

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

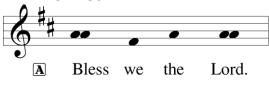


SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS





BENEDICAMUS





Sit **CLOSING HYMN 431**

Not All the Blood of Beasts



- 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly sins Lamb, Takes all our a - way;
- 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine.
- 4 My soul looks bur - den Thou didst bear back to see The
- 5 Be liev ing, ioice To see the curse re - move; we re



con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain. Could give the guilt - y no - bler name And rich - er blood than they. sac - ri - fice of a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin. When hang-ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there. bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

[The morning service concludes here.

The evening service continues with the Stripping of the Altar on the next page.]

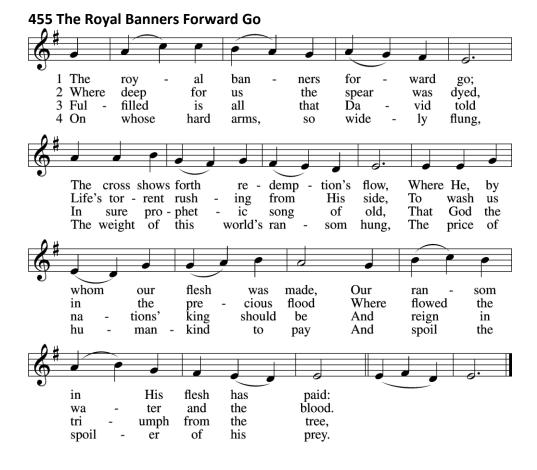
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

[Jesus said,] "Behold, the hour comes, indeed, it is now here, that you shall be scattered, everyone to his own home and shall leave Me alone, and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me."

THE ROYAL BANNERS & PSALM 22

While the Song is Sung and the Psalm is read, the candles are extinguished, the sacramental vessels are removed, as are the altar, lectern, and pulpit paraments. The chancel is thus cleared for the solemn event of Good Friday.

The stripping of the Altar and Chancel symbolically represents Christ, now stripped of His power and glory, humiliated by the soldiers and abandoned by everyone into the hands of His captors.



- O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
 Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
 Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
 Proclaims the King of Glory now.
- △ 6 To Thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done; As by the cross Thou dost restore, So guide and keep us evermore. Amen

PSALM 22

- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ₱ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

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- ⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
 you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- P ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

- 14 am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—
- 17I can count all my bones they stare and gloat over me;
- 18they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- P ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- 22I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.
- P 25From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

- 26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!
- 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- P 29All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ *Matthew* 26:30, 36-38

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

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

Silent Prayer