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Maundy Thursday

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Welcome! On this night known in the Church as Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to join Him once again at His Table. He knows our need for strengthening and reassurance. The place in which we gather is filled with the blessing of fellowship as we remember the new command of our Lord Jesus to love one another. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Time and again we are invited to return to the Table, where truly we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting Two

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Prelude

Words of Welcome

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P: I will go to the altar of God,
C: **to God my exceeding joy.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession and Absolution

P: In the Upper Room, our Lord Jesus Christ gave a new command that His people are to love one another as He has loved us. When we look at our lives, we see clearly that we have not fulfilled that new command. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and realize that we have transgressed the Law of God in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves and have passed by countless opportunities to be of service in the name of the Lord. In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him, humbly asking for His grace in Christ Jesus. Let us then make our confession to our God. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **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. 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.

Sharing of the Peace

P: Having been reconciled to God by the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another in the peace of the Lord.

(We greet each other with the words "The peace of the Lord be with you.")

Entrance Hymn: 445 When You Woke that Thursday Morning

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of love,
on the night of His betrayal Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment:
to love one another as He had loved them.
By Your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts and in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:3-11

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17



Musical Offering: "Come to the Cross"

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Gospel Reading: Mark 14:12-26

Hymn of the Day: 436 Go To Dark Gethsemane

Sermon

Prayers

Hymn: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (v. 1-3)

The Service of the Sacrament (p. 177)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is truly good, right and salutary...

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You...

C: Amen.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, ...

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...



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

C: **Amen.**

C: **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 638 Eat This Bread

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Almighty and Ever-loving God, we thank You for having fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. We ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, to Whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 (page 22 in the hymnal)

The psalm is spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and congregation.

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

The congregation leaves in silence. Our Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:30 p.m.



O LORD
You have freed me
from my bonds.
I will serve you
FOREVER

PSALM 116:16



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