



Loved to the End

Maundy Thursday
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KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

On Maundy Thursday, the church recalls the events of Jesus' life the day before he was crucified. This includes Jesus washing his disciples' feet and the institution of the Lord's Supper. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from 'mandatum,' the Latin word for 'commandment,' because Jesus commanded his disciples to "love one another even as I have loved you."

Service of the Word

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. Please open our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Through the preaching of your Word teach us to repent of our sins, to believe in Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.
Amen.

HYMN

Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide | #561, vv. 1–4

CONFESSION OF SIN

- P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to you, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended you, our Lord and Maker, with our thoughts, words, and actions. You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity. Therefore we come before you with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.
- P: O merciful God, in this hour you still remind us of your fatherly goodness. On account of the promises in your Word, we flee for refuge toward your infinite mercy. We implore you, dear Father—on the basis of the work of Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised to life again for our justification—forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full confidence.

C: We therefore pray you, O Lord, through your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, come forward to the altar of the Lord and receive the declaration of the forgiveness of all your sins.

ABSOLUTION HYMN

Lord, to Thee I Make Confession | #450

ABSOLUTION ANTHEM

Lord Have Mercy

*Jesus, I've forgotten
the words that you have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart
have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart
I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief,
renew the fire again.*

*Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.*

*I have built an altar
where I worship things of man;
I have taken journeys
that have drawn me far from you.
So now I am returning
to your mercies ever flowing;*

*Pardon my transgressions,
help me love you again.*

*Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.*

*I have longed to know you
and all your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness
ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before you
in the goodness of your presence,
Your grace forever shining
like a beacon in the night.*

*Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

*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.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world.
With your stripes we are healed.
The LORD has placed on you the iniquity of all.
Have mercy.
The chastisement of our peace was upon you.
Have mercy.*

*You were despised,
a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.
Grant us peace.*

*You were despised
and we esteemed you not.
Grant us peace.*

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.*

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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.*

SERMON

John 13:1–15

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

² By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³ Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴ He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸ Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴ Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

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Service of the Sacrament

The members of King of Grace invite members of other ELS or WELS congregations to commune with us. We ask everyone else to please visit with our pastors before our next communion service.

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that we may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that we consider what we believe. From the words of Christ: "This is my body; this is my blood," we believe that Jesus Christ is himself present with his body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "For the forgiveness of sins," we believe that Jesus Christ gives us his body and blood to actually deliver to us the forgiveness of all of our sins. And finally, we do as Christ commands when he says, "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "Do this in remembrance of me."

We also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and then love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end, may God the Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

CONSECRATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup after supper, 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 and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness | #328, vv. 1, 5–9

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

This Is the Body and Blood of Christ

*This is the body of Christ given for us.
This is the blood of Christ shed for us.*

*Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.*

*This is the body of Christ given for us.
This is the blood of Christ shed for us.*

THANKSGIVING HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee | #325

PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have carried in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have wiped out all our betrayals. We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, that we don't trust anything for our salvation except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven on the basis of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes by your Holy Spirit, that—in the power of our Redeemer's resurrection—we may day by day put off sin and never abandon the Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep us in faith until we see him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



HYMN

Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide | #561, 5–8

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we give you our heartfelt thanks that you have taught us what you want us to believe and to do. Help us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, on the basis of Jesus' work, to keep your Word in pure hearts, so that by that means we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

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