

United with Christ

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024

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 Preparation

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Use this time in quiet preparation for the Lord's Supper, perhaps with the help of page 129 in the front portion of the hymnary.

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 | #561: v.1-4

CONFESSION OF SIN

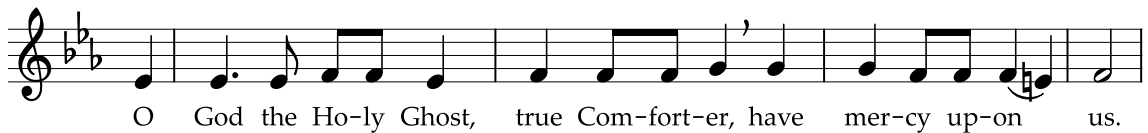
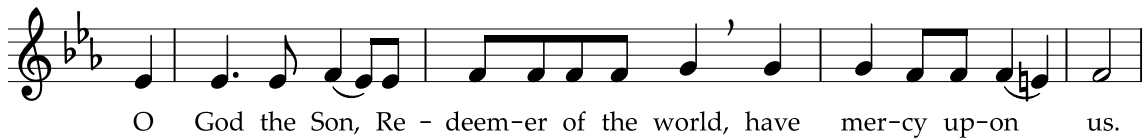
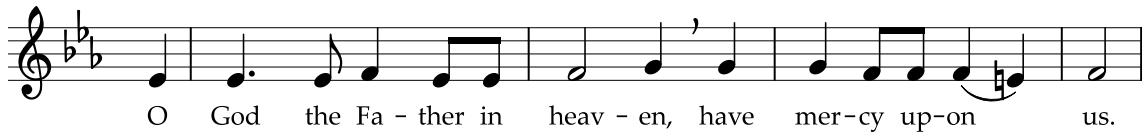
P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to you, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended you, our Lord and Maker, with our thoughts, words, and actions. You could with perfect justice 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 assurance.

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.**

HYMN

Kyrie



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

Have Mercy on Me, O God

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy, O God.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be whiter than snow,

I shall be whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy, O God.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return, will return to thee.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy, O God.

Service of the Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray for strengthening through Christ's body and blood: Jesus Christ our Savior, thank you for giving your followers your Holy Supper. Through your body and blood, revive our faith in you and increase our love to others. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:21–30

No one died in the homes marked with the blood of the lamb. In Christ, the true Lamb of God, we find our own rescue from certain death.

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?'

²⁷ then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of

the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' " Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:12–26

More than the blood of the lamb on the doorpost that spared the Israelites from death, we receive the blood of the Lamb in our bodies to guarantee a resurrection from death.

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.
²⁵ "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SERMON

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

The Lord's Supper is not mere remembrance, but the means of actual union with the Lord himself. It unites us as one both vertically with Jesus and horizontally with the people beside us.

¹⁶ When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
He cleansed me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
He cleansed me in his precious blood and I am now a lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
He cleansed me in his precious blood and I am now a lamb of God.*

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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.

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: v.1, 5-9

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, Most Holy

*Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer;
Patient, still, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, Thyself for us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

*Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer;
Patient, still, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

*Lamb of God, most holy, on Calvary an off'ring;
Despised, meek, and lowly, Thou in thy death and suff'ring
Our sins didst bear, our anguish the might of death didst vanquish;
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

*Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer;
Patient, still, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

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.

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.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

HYMN

Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide | #561: v.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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