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KEEPING VIGIL:

We Wait with Christ



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151 Years of God's Grace

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠
(In the Name of Jesus)

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS

Welcome to Holy Cross and to tonight's worship service. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communicant members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice “close communion.” If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

A NOTE ON TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Maundy Thursday's name is derived from the Latin “*mandatum*,” which is translated, “mandate,” or “commandment.” The service commemorates the Thursday afternoon in which Jesus was betrayed. His time in the upper room with His disciples is described in each of the Gospels, though most thoroughly in John 13-17. John 13:34, in which Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another,” is the reference of the word “*mandatum*.”

The service begins with the service of Corporate Confession and Absolution. This short service is reminiscent of the Absolution received individually on Ash Wednesday. After the Words of Forgiveness, worshipers are invited to greet each other, using the words “Peace be with you.” This is a sign that even as we have received forgiveness from our many sins, we are willing to grant that forgiveness and speak peace to our neighbors as well. In tonight's service, we celebrate the Lord's Supper, as it was first instituted by our Lord on Maundy Thursday.

This year, our Lenten journey has introduced the idea of “keeping vigil.” For six weeks, we have heard about waiting patiently for the Lord's deliverance. Tonight, we enter the Holy “Triduum,” the Holy Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services were originally viewed as one long service, stretched over these three days. For that reason, services tonight and tomorrow will not end with a Benediction—tonight, the altar will be stripped, symbolizing the preparation for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Join us tomorrow at 7:00pm as the service continues. Tonight's offerings have been designated for Missions.

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

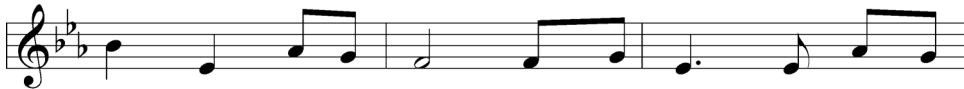
OPENING HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
3 What was there that You could give them That would
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



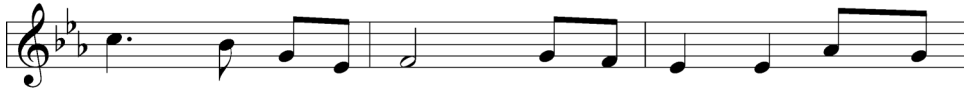
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
One with You and one an - oth - er In a
When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

✠ SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

Psalm 43:4

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Please sit.

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P 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.

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

C Amen.

Please stand. Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

P Almighty God in His mercy hast given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Ghost. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, “Peace be with you.”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament of Your Son’s Body and Blood You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may soon 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 Ghost, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:3-11

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me.” ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²² And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is My body.” ²³ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

’Twas on That Dark, That Doleful Night

Hymn 164

SERMON

We Wait with Christ

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our evil way and live. We come before You, although we have sinned and deserve only Your wrath; yet we flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who gave His body and His blood for our redemption. Lord, grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith we may worthily come to Your altar to eat the very body and drink the true blood, which Your Son has given for our redemption. In thanksgiving, we remember and proclaim the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom we place our trust. Until His return, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE AND THE PROPER PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord, through Whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.** *Matthew 6:9-13*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always! *John 20:19*
- C** **Amen.**
- C** **♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.** *John 1:29*

Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, Greatest at the Table

LSB 446



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -
2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly
3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -
4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we
5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,
taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,
on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered
see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:
mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,
Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der
As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured
Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less
Do as I have done for you; All the world will



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.
for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.
know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

*The Death of Jesus Christ, our Lord
Savior, When in Dust to Thee*

Hymn 163

Hymn 166

Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

pg. 29ff.

☩ **♪** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C And His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn 159:1-3

✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

PSALM 22

Chanted by the Pastor

Because Maundy Thursday is a part of the Holy Triduum (Holy Three Days), there is no Benediction. The church has historically viewed services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday as one, continuous service, concluding with the Easter proclamation on Saturday night.

God's peace and blessings be with you tonight and always.

Those who serve:

Rev. Dustin Beck

Pastor

Mrs. Carol Schramm

Organist

Dylan Beck

Acolyte

Good Friday Service - 7:00pm

Easter Vigil Service (with Holy Communion) - 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30am

Easter Youth Breakfast - 7:30am

Easter Divine Service (with Holy Communion) - 9:00am

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30am

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)