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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

March 27, 2024 Babbtown, 7:00 p.m.
March 28, 2024 Schubert, 7:30 p.m.

Order Of Worship: Printed below
(With P for Pastor, C for Congregation.)

Welcome to each of you in the Name of Jesus, who gave His life as a ransom for our sin. Tonight in our worship we focus upon the night our Savior was betrayed. We commemorate the events of our Savior's passion. We celebrate His gifts to us in the Lord's Supper and we watch and pray with Him as He instructed His disciples to do in the Garden of Gethsemane. Thank you for being with us this evening. May God grant to you grace and blessing through His Word.

The Prelude

The Ringing Of The Bell

The Words Of Welcome

[Please Rise]

The Invocation . . .

C: Amen.

The Blessing and Kindling Of The Candles

[From the home Passover (Seder) Celebration]

All: Blessed are You, O Lord , our God, King of the universe.

You sanctify us by Your word and allow us to kindle these lights.

**Bless our homes and our dear ones with the warmth and peace of
Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

[The Candles are lit.]

Hymn: TLH 157, vs. 1-3 "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

**There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains.**

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, Washed all my sins away,
Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save. Amen.

Confession And Absolution:

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We follow our sinful desires and temptations of the world. Called to faith we often turn from Your Word and will to live in faithless ways. For this and all we have done wrong, we repent with all our heart and admit our unworthiness. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to save us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we have forgiveness and life. In the stead and by the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive all of your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Collect:

All: **Merciful and everlasting God You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

[Please be seated]

Hymn, TLH 306, vs. 1 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared"

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood; And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest, We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Hymn Verses: TLH 306, vs. 2-4 “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared”

**Although Thou didst to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Thy presence they behold Thy glory, all excelling,
And though Thy people shall not see Thy glory and Thy majesty
Till dawns the Judgment morning.**

**Yet, Savior, Thou art not confined To any habitation,
But Thou art present ev'rywhere And with Thy congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**We eat this bread and drink this cup, Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true, And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.**

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Hymn Verses: TLH 306, vs. 5 & 6, "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared"

**Though reason cannot understand Yet faith this truth embraces;
Thy body, Lord, is everywhere At once in many places.
How this can be I leave to Thee, Thy Word alone sufficeth me,
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**Lord, I believe what Thou hast said, Help me when doubts assail me;
Remember that I am but dust And let my faith not fail me.
Thy Supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:17-30 [*Please rise*]

¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.^[a] ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me." ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the^[b] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The 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
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead
and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life
everlasting. Amen.**

[Please be seated.]

Sermon Hymn: TLH 376 "Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me"

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly--Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee! Amen.**

The Sermon: "Return to the Table of the Lord" Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The Offertory

(The offering are brought forward and presented.)

Hymn, TLH 142, vs. 1-2 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

**A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing!
Goes its way, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer; Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds, and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith, "Willing all this I suffer."**

**This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send, To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, my Son" The Father saith, "And free men from the fear of death
From guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share The fruit of Thy salvation."**

The Prayers

Luther's Evening Prayer:

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I
commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

**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.**

The Preparation For Holy Communion

Hymn: TLH 307 "Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord"

**Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.**

He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now. Amen.

The Invitation

The Words Of Institution

The Distribution

Distribution Hymn: TLH 315, vs. 1-6, 10 & 11 "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"

I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now approach Thy heav'nly Board
And, as I lowly bow before Thee, Look only unto Thee, O Lord!
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful Shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul
That I through willful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll!
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore opprest;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones power,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy body, given for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

The Prayer Of Thanksgiving

The 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: *[Sung]* Amen, Amen, Amen!

The Invitation To Worship on Good Friday

The Closing Hymn, TLH 558, vs. 1-3 & 6 "All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night"

**All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full Day.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

PLEASE WORSHIP WITH US ON GOOD FRIDAY, March 29:

Babbtown, 6:00 p.m.

Schubert, 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31:

Babbtown: Worship, 8:00 a.m.

Schubert: Easter Breakfast, 8:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast following

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Hymn #157; Scripture: Zechariah 13:1; There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood; Author: William Cowper (1771, cento); Tune: Cowper; Composer: Lowell Mason (1830).

Hymn #306: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:26; Herr Jesu Christ du hast bereit't; Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared; Author: Samuel Kinner (1638); Translator: Emmanuel Cronenwett (1880, ad.); Tune: Herr Jesu Christ du hast bereit't; Composer: Peter Sohren (1668)

Hymn #376; Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:4; Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me; Author: Augustus M. Toplady (1776, alt); Tune: Toplady; Compser: Thomas Hastings (1830).

Hymn #142; Scripture: Isaiah 53:7; Ein Lammlein ghet; A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth; Author: Paul Gerhardt (1648, cento); Translation: Composite; Tune: An Wesserflussen Babylon; Source: "Deutsch Kirchenamt," Strassburg, 1525.

Hymn #307: Scripture: Psalm 34:8; Sancti, venite, corpus Christi sumite; Latin Author Unknown, (circa 680), Translator: John M. Neale (1851, cento, alt.); Tune: Old 124th; Source: "Genevan Psalter," 1551.

Hymn: #315: Scripture: I Corinthians 11:28; Ich komm' zu dein; I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table; Author: Friedrich C. Heyder (1710, cento); Translation: Composite; Tune: Ich Sterbe Taglich; Source: Ms., Municipal Library Leipzig, 1756; Translation © 1941, Concordia Publishing House.

Hymn #558: Scripture: Psalm 91:4; All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night; Author: Thomas Ken (1695, cento); Tune: Tallis Canon; Composer: Thomas Tallis (c. 1567).

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