



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm

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 celebrate His gift 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. God grant to you grace and blessing through His Word and Sacrament.

The Ringing Of The Bell - The Prelude

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord!

All: **Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You sanctify us by Your word and allow us to receive you as a light to our world. Bless our church, homes and our dear ones with the warmth and peace of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Opening Hymn TLH 158 "Glory Be To Jesus"

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood! Amen.**

The Invocation:

P: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!" The Lord our God is one God in three persons, blessed Trinity! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The cup of blessing that we bless,

C: **Is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?**

P: The bread that we break,

C: **Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**

P: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

C: **For we all partake of the one bread.**

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. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to save us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Lord, nourish us with Your Word and with our Savior's body and blood. Help us to stand firm in faith in Jesus' name.**

The Collect For Maundy Thursday:

P: Let us pray together . . .

C: **O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your passion in a wonderful Sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be shown in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

[The Scripture Readings are followed by hymn verses from "Christ The Life Of All The Living" - TLH 151]

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Hymn Verse:

**Christ The Life Of All The Living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,—
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

The Second Reading: Mark 14:12-16

Hymn Verse:

**Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee, Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

The Third Reading: John 13:1-17

Hymn Verse:

**Thou has borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

The Fourth Reading: John 15:8-12

Hymn Verse:

**Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

The Fifth Reading: Mark 14:22-26

Hymn Verse:

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,—Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

Sermon: “The Feast of Victory” – Matthew 26:26-28

Hymn Verse: *(The Offerings Are Received During the Hymn Verse)*

**Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

The Prayers

Choir Anthem: “For God So Loved the World”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of Sister Lutheran Congregations in the fellowship of the LC-MS, who have examined themselves according to 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

Hymn Verse:

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

The Invitation and Consecration - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Distribution

Distribution Hymn:

TLH 157 “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.**

The Thanksgiving and The Benediction

Meditation Reading In Preparation For Good Friday

The Closing Hymn Verse, “On My Heart” TLH 179

**On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation. Amen.**

Silent Prayer