



Maundy Thursday

The Lord's Institution of the

Sacrament of the Altar

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

Order of Worship – Divine Service

Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.

Procession Hymn- Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling **630**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

You may be seated

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 for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Please Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Blessing

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.
C **Amen.**

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation chants the bold stanzas*)



P But far be it from | me to boast*
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from
the dead;*
by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

**C May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make His face to shine up- | on us,
that Your way may be | known on earth,*
Your saving power among all | nations.**

P Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!
God, our God, shall | bless us.*
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth |
Fear Him!

**C But far be it from | me to boast*
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.
In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from
the dead;*
by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.**

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy Spirit.**

P Let us pray: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so 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 Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. And 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and 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.

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In 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. For 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. The 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.

“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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Gospel

John 13:1–15, 34–35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

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. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Response

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn –O Lord, we praise Thee

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Sermon

[There will be no offering collected during the service. Offerings may be placed in the basket in the back of the church.]

Please rise.

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church (*Prayed by all.*)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Sanctus

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You may kneel until after the Agnus Dei

Lord's Prayer

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The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Please be seated

Distribution - Hymn sung by all before distribution.

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

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Distribution

Please rise.

Nunc Dimittis (Spoken in unison; the Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Thanksgiving (Spoken) 200

Post Communion Collect 201

C Amen (Spoken)

Please be seated.

Psalm 22-*Chanted by Pastor during the stripping of the Altar.*

Stripping of the Altar

(Stripping of the altar [removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments] is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the Jews and the Gentiles, the leaders of the Church and the Government)

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly:

prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Flowers are new life springing forth. In the passion and suffering of Christ, human life ebbs from Him. In recognition of this we remove these flowers. **[Flowers are removed]**

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never

walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them. **[Candles extinguished and removed]**

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

[Missal stand and service book are removed]

Jesus' offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament. **[Communion vessels removed]**

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both Host and Meal at His banquet feast. Our hanging paraments, both those on the pulpit and lectern, as well as those normally on the walls, are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our chancel is stripped of its coverings. **[Paraments are removed]**

Only the crucifix remains. When all else is gone—the only thing that remains, the center, focus and cornerstone of the Church is Christ Crucified.

Behold your King—Enthroned in His glory for your redemption.

(There is no Benediction as our worship continues tomorrow. Please observe silence while departing.)

NKJ Psalm 22:1 *(Chanted by Pastor)*

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?* O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. But You *are* holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed. But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You *have been* My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me *with* their mouths, *like* a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look *and* stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the sword, My precious *life* from the power of the dog. Save Me from

the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom *is* the LORD's, and He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation, they will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done *this*.

Organist: Jennifer Symer

Holy Week Service

Spoken Divine Service Good Friday morning - 11 am

Good Friday – Worship 7:00 PM

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

- *Easter Sunday – 9:00 AM*
- *Easter Breakfast – 7:30 AM*