

# ***Maundy Thursday Worship At Gethsemane***      ***April 1, 2021***

*AS WE GATHER (THE QUARANTINE OF LENT IS OVER!)*

The quarantine (means literally, forty days) of Lent, a time of repentance, began on Ash Wednesday with an extended prayer and confession of sins, and with this reminder: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The forty days (not including Sundays, which are considered "little Easters") come to their conclusion now in the holy days of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Therefore these days center around the only sacrifice that gives us absolution, the forgiveness we so desire: the body and blood of the Lord's Supper that proclaim the glorious substitutionary suffering and death of our Lord on the cross and interment in the tomb. Only in this way can a person know and believe what there is to be so happy about on Easter Sunday!

*LSB 445 WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING*      sts. 1–2

- 1      When You woke that Thursday morning,  
          Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
          Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
          Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages:  
          You assumed their dreadful sum.
  
- 2      Never so alone and lonely,  
          Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
          For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
          One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
          Washing Your disciples' feet.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 124:8

**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.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another. Especially since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night on which He instituted this blessed Sacrament, it is proper that we examine ourselves since 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.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God's Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living.

Therefore whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

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.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, weak 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.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament of Communion You have left us a remembrance of Your love and your love-motivated suffering for us. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be shown in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*LSB 445 WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING*

sts. 4–5

4 One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

## + GOD'S WORD FOR US +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:3–11

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

<sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>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.

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Mark 14:12–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>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." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>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."

<sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>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."

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

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*SERMON: LOVE TO PASS EVERY TEST*

*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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*OUR PRAYERS*

**+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

*WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's love, His death, and His resurrection until Jesus comes again.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven,



and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*LORD'S PRAYER*

**☐ 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.**

**+ COMMUNION HYMN +**

*LSB 547 THE LAMB*

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

**ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

**ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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### *BENEDICTION (AARONIC)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

*HWC 364 MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*

sts. 1–2

1 My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

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## *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. While this is done, Psalm 22 is spoken.)*

## *PSALM*

Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the  
dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to  
him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise  
the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

***(All leave the church in silence.)***

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