



Maundy Thursday

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"A Time to Love"

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AS WE GATHER

One of the recent changes in the names of special days on the calendar of the Christian Church occurs in conjunction with the Thursday of Holy Week. Historically the day has been known as Maundy Thursday, related to the Latin work mandatus, meaning "command." The focus of the day's name came from the "new command" Jesus gave to His disciples – that they show love for each other in the way He had shown love for them. Although the term "Maundy" has usually been understood, its unfamiliarity to the general public has occasioned a change in the name of the day in recent church listings.

*The new name for the day, **Holy Thursday**, encompasses all of the activities of our Lord in this pivotal day in Holy Week. Each of His activities, from the washing of the disciples' feet to the instituting of the Lord's Supper, was holy and became a source of blessing. That holiness pervades the day and is central to the divine service celebrated on it by the faithful.*

+ PREPARATION +

Welcome Pastor David Keil

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

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.

P I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C for with the Lord is plenteous redemption and the forgiveness of all our sins.

P Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord:

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet on the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P May our God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Collect of the Day

C 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 redemptive work may continually be manifest in us; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 449 vv. 1 & 2

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
- 2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

+WORD+

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

³Moses 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." ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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."⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The 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? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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P Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-26

¹²And 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?" ¹³And 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, ¹⁴and 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?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And 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." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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." ²²And 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." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, 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." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

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 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.

Sermon Hymn - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 449 vv. 3 & 4

3 What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

Sermon – “A Time to Love” John 13:1-17

Offering

Prayers

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ’s saving name, that God’s people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended; *let us pray to the Lord:*

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptation of the devil, the world and our sinful nature; *let us pray to the Lord:*

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: *let us pray to the Lord:*

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who partake this day of Christ’s holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come. *Let us pray to the Lord:*

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all of us gathered here in worship, that the blessings of this service may be shown forth in our lives as we live in peaceable service to each other; *let us pray to the Lord:*

C Lord, have mercy and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

+SACRAMENT+

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

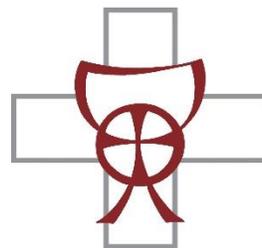
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation . . . Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Word of Institution Pastor Keil

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Communion Distribution

We believe Jesus teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred meal of his own body and blood, given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Faith, not human reason, accepts this mystery. Participation in Holy Communion is available to all who have been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, believe in the physical presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine, and confess unity with everyone gathered here. 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the Sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR+

The vessels, candles, linens, and paraments are removed from the altar, which is symbolic of the humiliation Christ experienced by the stripping of His garments prior to His crucifixion.

Benediction (a good word from Numbers 6:24-27)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - Christ, The Life Of All The Living

LSB 420 vv. 1 & 7

1 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:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 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.