

+ HOLY THURSDAY +
Apr 9, Year of our Lord 2020

Holy (also known as Maundy) Thursday, occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the three holy days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the *Triduum*. The service on this day culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that of Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. Our Service tonight consists of four parts: Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the [Prayer, in place of the Sacrament due to COVID-19 pandemic], and the Stripping of the Altar.



Preparation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.

- P** I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- 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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 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 † Peace. **C** Amen.

Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Stanzas 1-2)

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

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." 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And 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.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

- C** Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–22

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the

transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

John 13:1b

- P** Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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?" 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.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 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." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

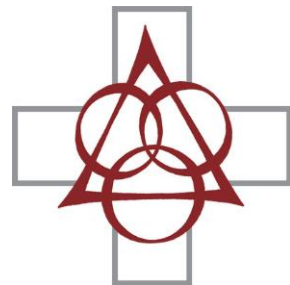
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

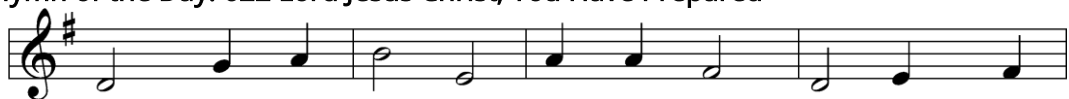
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven



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.

Hymn of the Day: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.

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After Sermon: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (6-8)

6 Lord, I be - lieve what You have said; Help me when
8 For Your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, Be praised through-

doubts as - sail - me. Re - mem - ber that I
out all a - ges! Pre - serve it, for in

am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
ev - 'ry place The world a - gainst it ra - ges.

Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es
Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be A bless - ed

me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.
com - fort un - to me When liv - ing and when dy - ing.

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Offering for Ministry & Missions Reminder that tithes and offerings may be sent to the church: 1850 Big Springs Rd, Maryville, TN 37901 or submitted electronically at praiselutheran.com.

Greet one another If watching on Facebook: "Like" or comment (kind of like signing the red registry book at church); If watching on our website: send an email to Pr. Roberts.

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Mourning: Family of our brother **Herb Kalkitis** who died Friday morning, 4/3. Family of **Taryn Sebright** (Tiana, Taylor, and J.J.'s mother, Kris Smith's daughter). Family of **Jeff Davis** (Meagan Collver's father).

Health: **Mildred Balash** (98 yrs old, fell and broke her humerus)

Pat Wright: hospice care at home (low oxygen)

Carol Moehling: thanksgiving for cancer surgery last week, recovery of strength

Claudette Kinney: cardiovascular health, blood clot surgery recovery

Carolyn Dickie: recovery of strength and health

Candace's sister-in-law: severe Crohn's attack (extremely weak)

Fred Hansen: recovery from pancreatitis

Tim Smith: irregular heartbeat treatment

Gary Kubin: back and blood pressure health

Our homebound members (everybody!): protection of health during the pandemic

For those celebrating Birthdays: Russ Ma... 4/4, Chloe Pe.. 4/4, Art Po... 4/6, Steve Cl... 4/9, Jason Co 4/10, Carley La 4/10, Conner Cl 4/11, Amy Mo 4/14, Matthew He 4/15, Charleston Sn 4/16, Carole Vi 4/16, Leah Mo 4/17, Fred Ha 4/18, Jessi Hi 4/20, Herbert Ka 4/20, Pat Wr 4/20, Ann Br 4/23, Rachel Ve 4/24, Alex Hi 4/28, Derek Ro 4/28, Jim Ro 4/30

For those celebrating Anniversaries: Charles & Carol Eh 4/5

Since we are unable to gather for The Lord's Supper: Lord God, on the day before He suffered, Your Son, in His unfailing mercy and love, graciously instituted for us His holy Supper. Although we cannot now receive in our mouths His true body and blood, still we beg You to stir up our minds and hearts to a salutary remembrance of His benefits. Grant that by faith we may spiritually partake of Him as we recall the Words of His new and eternal Testament. For He promised us: "This is my body, which is given for you" and "this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins." Grant us ever to rejoice in how Your Son once offered Himself upon the altar of the cross in our place—a Ransom pure, holy, and undefiled. Fill us now with His blood-bought forgiveness and pour every heavenly benediction and grace upon everyone who devoutly remembers this day His holy sacrifice. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. **☩ Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

☩ (sung) 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Hymn before stripping the Altar: 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Feed Thy chil-dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners
poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
- C** And His mercy endureth forever.

Stripping of the Altar

The altar is reverently stripped and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

PSALM 22 (Selections) for your meditation



¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

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

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,*

and by night, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are | holy,*

enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

⁴In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

⁵To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and | not a man,*

scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

⁷All who see me | mock me;*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

⁸"He trusts in the Lord; let him de- | liver him;*

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are | out of joint;*

my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*

you lay me in the | dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs en- | compass me;*

a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count | all my bones—*

they stare and gloat | over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments a- | mong them,*

and for my clothing they | cast lots.
19But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!*
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

24For 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.

25From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the Lord!*
May your hearts live for- | ever!

27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

28For kingship belongs | to the Lord,*
and he rules over the | nations.

29All 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 him- | self alive.

30Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

31they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.

There is no benediction.

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