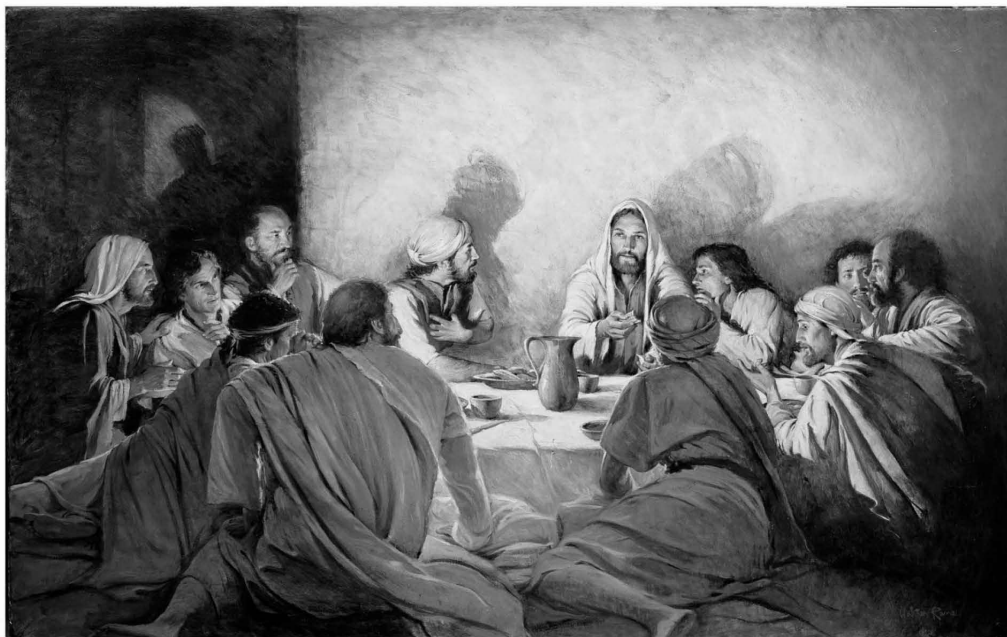




Maundy Thursday:

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WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exhortation on the End of Lent

[Galatians 6:14 (EHV) and a Liturgical text]

PASTOR *In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led Him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our own struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of His Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus our Savior.*

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God Himself. In this absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are truly forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of His body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with Him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

"Far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION **In him is salvation, life and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty."**

Hymn • "Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness"

[328]



1. Soul, a - dorn thy-self with glad - ness, Leave be - hind all gloom and sad - ness.
 2. Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him,
 7. Je - sus, Sun of Life, my Splen - dor, Je - sus, Thou my Friend most ten - der,

Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; There with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 For with words of life im - mor - tal Now He knock-eth at thy por - tal.
 Je - sus, Joy of my de - sir - ing, Fount of life, my soul in-spir - ing—

Un - to Him whose grace un-bound - ed Has this won-drous Sup-per found - ed.
 Haste to ope' the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him:
 At Thy feet I cry, my Mak - er: Let me be a fit par - tak - er

High o'er all the heav'ns He reign - eth, Yet to dwell with us He deign - eth.
 Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee, And I nev - er - more will leave Thee.
 Of this bless - ed food from heav - en For our good, Thy glo - ry, giv - en.

-Stand-

Admission of Sins and Forgiveness ~ Confession and Absolution

☐ Let us approach God, our Father, and sincerely confess our sins to Him, and fervently ask Him to grant us forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

☑ O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

☞ *Lift up your hearts in joy. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive you sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.*

☩ Amen.

Lenten Season Hymn

[Text: "New Office Hymn Book" (1908) alt • tune: CW 592]



1. This Len-ten time from an-cient days, We keep a-gain with sol-emn praise,
 2. Our man-y sins, in-deed, are great. O Lord, these weak-ness-es we hate,

For for-ty days, year af-ter year We me-di-tate on Your love here. The
 But pour up-on us from on high, O Pard'-ning One, Your great mer-cy. We

Law and Pro-phets from of old In man-y ways this Lent fore-told Which
 pray to You, blest Trin-i-ty— The Three-in- One and One-in- Three, That

Christ, all sea-sons' King and Guide, In a-ges af-ter sanc-ti-fied.
 this, our time of for-ty days May pro-fit us and bring You praise.

-Be seated-

Passion History • *Seventh Reading*

PASTOR: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

CONGREGATION: Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph. Joseph bought a linen cloth, came, and took Jesus' body away.

PASTOR: Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

CONGREGATION: They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

PASTOR: There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

CONGREGATION: So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

PASTOR: Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left.

CONGREGATION: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid there.

PASTOR: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching where the body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

CONGREGATION: On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate.

PASTOR: They said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.”

CONGREGATION: Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.”

PASTOR: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard. (EHV)

☐ *Here ends the reading of the history of our Lord's passion, as accounted by His evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

📖 **Lamb of God, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

Hymn • “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

[text: ELH 311 • tune: ELH 50]



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feed on Thee to - day; Be -
 4. One bread, one cup, one bo - dy, we, U - nit - ed by our life in Thee, Thy
 5. Lord Je - sus Christ, we humbly pray To keep us stead - fast to that day That

neath these forms of bread and wine En - rich us with Thy grace di - vine.
 love pro - claim till Thou shalt come To bring Thy scat - tered loved ones home.
 each may be Thy wel - comed guest When Thou shalt spread Thy heav'n - ly feast.

Devotion • Luke 22:14–20

When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of

God comes.”

¹⁹He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you. (EHV)

Passion Language: “Testament”

1. Not Like the _____ “Covenant”
2. But A _____ and _____ “Testament”
3. An _____ “Testament”

Presentation of Offerings •

*We offer our treasures to Jesus out of
thankfulness for our salvation.*



Those who wish to give digitally may use this code.

-Stand-

Offering Prayer & Special Prayers



FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that Trinity practices “Close Communion” (or “Membership Communion”). This means we only Commune with people who believe and teach the same doctrine which we do (ELS or WELS). This is necessary because Christ commands us to be unified as a congregation (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). He warns that—much like abusing a powerful medicine—those who improperly receive Holy Communion receive Divine judgment rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29). And, contrary to the way many congregations practice today, “Close Communion” is the ancient practice of the Christian church (Acts 2:42). Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, please speak with the pastor BEFORE the service to find out how our “Close Communion” practice affects you.

Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.

Great Thanksgiving

[2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136]

P *The Lord be with you, His people.*

G **And with your spirit as you minister to us.**

P *Lift up your hearts in joy.*

G **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P *It is truly good and right... evermore singing Your praise:*

Song of Saints and Angels ~ Sanctus

[Is 6:3, Mt 21:9; Text: Rev. Stephen Starke; Tune: ELH 334]



1. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en
 2. Ho - san - na in the high - est, How tru - ly blest is He Who in God's name is com - ing

In count-less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts
 To set His peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal - va - tion And with His blood

on high, And in Your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
 out-poured, De - liv - er us from bon - dage; Ho - san - na, Might - y Lord!

Lord's Prayer

[Lk 11:2-4; Mt 6:9-13]

☐ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☒ **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.**

Words of Institution

[Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25;
Through these words, the presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood is effected in our midst.]

☐ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.*

Song to the Lamb ~ Agnus Dei

[Jn 1:29; Text: Rev. Arden Mead; Tune: ELH 297]

Lamb of God, our might-y Sav-ior, All our sins You take a-way. Lamb of

God, by Your great fav-or, Lord have mer-cy, now, we pray. Lamb of

God, our pray'rs at-ten-ding, nev-er let Your mer-cies cease, But, Your

Ho-ly Spir-it send-ing, Grant us all Your gift of peace.

-Be seated-

Distribution

*[Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers.
During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns]*

. "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

[ELH 329]

1. The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e - brate with one ac - cord;
 2. He blot - ted out with His own blood The judgment that a - gainst us stood;

It is our com - fort in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 He full a - tone - ment for us made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.

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| 3. That this is now and ever true
He gives an earnest ever new;
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near. | 7. The guest that comes with true intent
To turn to God and to repent,
To live for Christ, to die to sin,
Will thus a holier life begin. |
| 4. His Word proclaims, and we believe.
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed. | 8. They who His Word do not believe,
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind! |
| 5. A precious food is this indeed—
It never fails us in our need—
A heav'nly manna for our soul
Until we safely reach our goal. | 9. O Jesus Christ, our Brother dear,
Unto Thy cross we now draw near;
Thy sacred wounds indeed make whole
A wounded and benighted soul. |
| 6. O blest is each believing guest
Who in this promise finds his rest,
For Jesus will in love abide
With those who do in Him confide. | 10. Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Thy Supper and in Thee find rest.
Amen! All who believe are blest. |

“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

[text: CW 309 & ELH 314 • tune: CW 309]

1. Draw near and take the bo - dy of the Lord, And drink the ho - ly
 2. Sal - va - tion's Giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son, By His dear cross and
 blood for You out - poured. Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 blood the world has won. By that pure bod - y and that ho - ly blood
 Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Saved and re - freshed, we give our thanks to God.

3. Victims were slain in Israel's history Which symbolized this heav'nly
 mystery.
 He, Lord of light, and Savior of our race,
 Has given to His saints a wondrous
 grace.
4. He that His saints in this world rules
 and shields
 To all believers life eternal yields,
 With heav'nly bread makes them that
 hunger whole,
 Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

5. Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
 And take the pledges of salvation here.
 Before Your altar, Lord, Your servants bow;
 In this Your feast of love be with us now.

Prayer

☞ *O Lord God, You have left us a Divine memorial of Your passion in this wonderful Sacrament. We fervently ask You, through this Sacrament of Your body and blood, may we produce a greater supply of the fruits of Your redemption in our lives.*

☞ **We pray this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.**

Final Blessing ~ Benediction

[Num 6:24–26]

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace ☩.*

☞ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn • The Nunc Dimittis

[Lk 2:29–32 • text: DJH • tune: ELH 287]



1. Might - y Lord, as You have said, Peace - ful - ly al - low us
2. God the Fath - er, bless - ed Host, And Your Son, our Sav - ior,

To de - part now ful - ly fed With Your Gos - pel prom - ise.
One true God with Ho - ly Ghost, grant us grace and fav - or.

Your work is be - fore our eyes: It is our sal - va - tion,
Through this Sac - ra - ment You bring Sin - ners Je - sus' mer - it.

Bring - ing light to Gen - tile skies and Your cho - sen na - tion.
End - less praise then let us sing For this won - drous ban - quet.

-Be seated-