



Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2015, 7:30p



A Service of Word and Sacrament

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

NOTE TO VISITORS: Accepting the Lord's Supper at our congregation is a profession of agreement with all the doctrines we confess (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:27f). Because we don't want you to bind yourself to a confession you don't understand or agree with, we ask that if you are not a members of a CLC congregation, you first meet with the pastor before coming to communion today. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to talk with the pastor after the service.

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 143, forepart of TLH p.155

OPENING HYMN

TLH 388

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

INVOCATION

M We gather together in the presence of our Lord,

**C In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *from Hebrews 10 and Jeremiah 31*

M The Holy Spirit tells us through the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,

C 'I will put My teaching into their hearts and minds,'

M then He adds,

C 'Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.'"

M Now where there is forgiveness of sins,

C there is no longer need to sacrifice for sins.

M Therefore, brethren, since we have boldness to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

C by a new and living way which He opened for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

M And since we have a high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Having our hearts sprinkled with His blood and our bodies washed in holy baptism, we are freed from a guilty conscience.

Therefore we pray,

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

M The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. By the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God remembers your sins no

more. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.

C Amen.

M Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

C And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

M not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,

C but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the Day approaching.

M Let us pray, ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16–17, 11:23–32

¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

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²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 143:1–6

M Hear my prayer, O Lord,

C Give ear to my supplications!

M In Your faithfulness answer me,

C And in Your righteousness.

M Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

C For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

M For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
C He has crushed my life to the ground;
M He has made me dwell in darkness,
C Like those who have long been dead.
M Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
C My heart within me is distressed.
M I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works;
C I muse on the work of Your hands.
M I spread out my hands to You;
C My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

GOSPEL LESSON

M Lord, sanctify us by Your truth;
C Your Word is truth. Amen.

John 13:1–17,31–35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!"

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. ¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

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³¹ “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. ³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

M O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ *based on Luther's Catechism*

M What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

M Where is this written?

C The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way: “Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, ‘Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me,’ “In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

M What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C The words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

M How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

C Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

HYMN

WS 754

Come, Risen Lord

SERMON

John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Entering the Personal Space of Christ

HYMN

TLH 164

'Twas on That Dark, That Doleful Night

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You , O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He taught us:

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!



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

M It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company

of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising
You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san - na,



Ho - san - na, Ho-sanna in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,



Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, Ho-san- na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

M As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 146:3):

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer,

All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!



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M Let us join in prayer,

C O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament we have received the living memorial of Your passion. Grant that, having received the sacred mystery of Your body and blood, the fruits of Your redemption may be continually known among us in love and unity toward one another; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ~ WS 724 (w intro)

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom

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(Sing x2)

Stripping of the Altar: This ancient ceremony is preparatory for our Good Friday service tomorrow. Our thoughts are drawn toward the Lord of Glory who was stripped bare by our sin and wretchedness when He died upon the altar of the cross.

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