

+ Holy Thursday +

April 17, Year of our Lord 2025 | DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

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Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 43:4; Psalm 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.

Confessional Address

L Beloved in the Lord, on this Holy Thursday, the day Christ instituted His Holy Supper for us, it is our intention to receive it in faith that He gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for 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. Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us. **C** Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Absolution

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.**

Blessing

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.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

P (spoken) Gracious is the LORD, and **I** righteous;*
our God is **I** merciful.

C **I love the LORD, because **I** he has heard***
my voice and my pleas for **I mercy.**

Because he inclined his **I** ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long **I** as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid **I hold on me;***
I suffered distress and **I anguish.**

Then I called on the name **I** of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- **I** er my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and **I righteous;***
our God is **I merciful.**

Kyrie

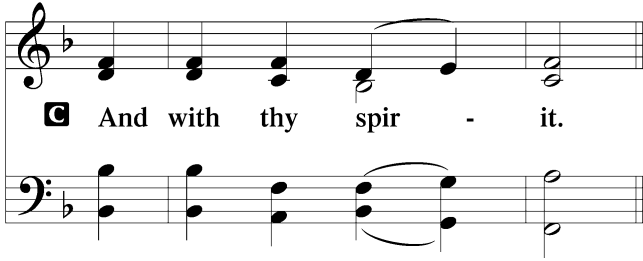
Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

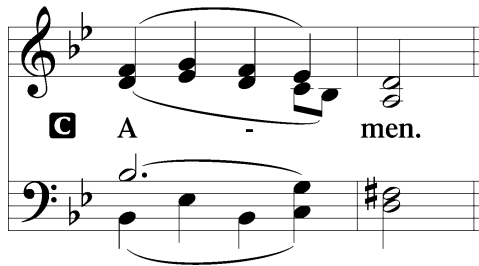
The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent (returns at Easter)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be 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.



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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 10:15–25

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

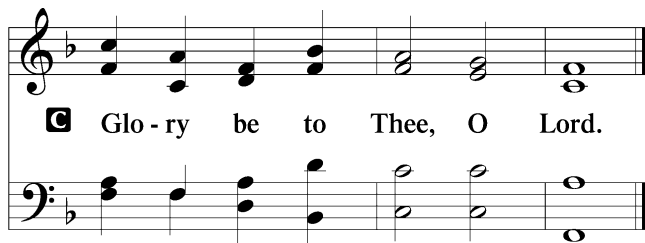
John 13:1b

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he 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." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea)

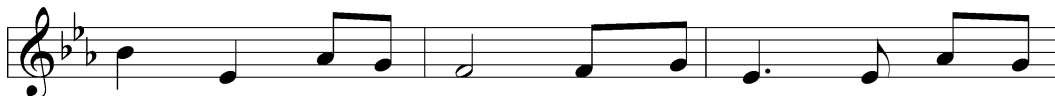
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and

the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



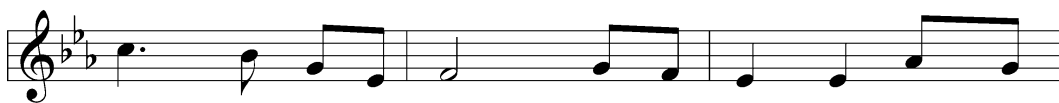
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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+ Sermon +

Desired to East this Passover

Offertory

Psalms 51:10–12

☐ (sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Rite of First Communion for Blakelyn and Charette Upward and Avery Torres

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

Prayer of the Church *including petitions for the Church's Catechumens*

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those

who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

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."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C (sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

A (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22



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

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

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,*
and by night, but I | find no rest.**

Yet you are | holy,*
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

**In you our fathers | trusted;*
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

To you they cried and were | rescued;*
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

**But I am a worm and | not a man,*
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**

All who see me | mock me;*
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

**“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”**

Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

**On you was I cast | from my birth,*
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.**

Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.

**Many bulls en- | compass me;*
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;**

they open wide their | mouths at me,*
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

**I 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;**

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*
you lay me in the | dust of death.

**For dogs en- | compass me;*
a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—**

I can count | all my bones—*

they stare and gloat | over me;

**they divide my garments a- | mong them,*
and for my clothing they | cast lots.**



But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

Deliver my soul | from the sword,*

my precious life from the power | of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*

in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of

Jacob, glo- | rify him,*

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!

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.

From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*

my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!*

May your hearts live for- | ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*

and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*

and he rules over the | nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

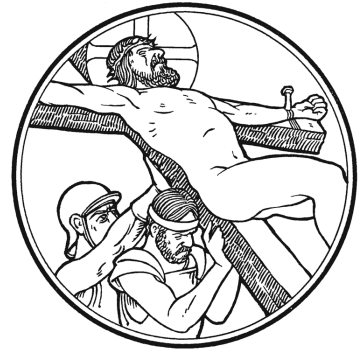
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

Posterity shall | serve him;*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*

that he has | done it.



There is no benediction. Please depart in silence.

Return for Good Friday Service at 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Easter Vigil at 6:00 p.m. (with Rites of Holy Baptism and Adult Confirmation)

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Divine Services

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