



# Maunder Thursday Service

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Holy Communion 7:00 pm**

**April 09, 2020**

**(The congregation enters in silence.)**

**Order of Confession and Forgiveness** (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

P: Let us pray and make confession to God.

**C: Almighty God, Merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Almighty God.....in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Those in the congregation may come forward and kneel before the altar. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

(ELW) No. 347

**\*Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



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**\*Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, You left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of Your passion. Grant, we beseech You, that we may so partake of this sacrament 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. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Exodus 24:3-11**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Dearest Jesus at Your Word*

(Bell Choir)

**Psalm 116:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

<sup>13</sup> **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His servants.**

<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant and the child of Your handmaid; You have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

<sup>17</sup> **In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hosanna in the highest!**

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,

<sup>19</sup> **In the courts of the house of the Lord in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**The Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 9:11-22**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung)**

**C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**St. Matthew 26:17-30**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

**Mandatum Reading**

**St. John 13:1-35**

**Sermon**

**Seminarian Justin Baker**

**Washing of the hands and feet of the People of God.**

**Hymn** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* **(ELW) No. 359**

**Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* **(ELW) No. 335**

**Hymn** *Ah, Holy Jesus* **(ELW) No. 349**

**\*Prayers of the People**

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into Your hands.....through Your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of God's Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The congregation may greet one another: **'Peace be with you.'**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

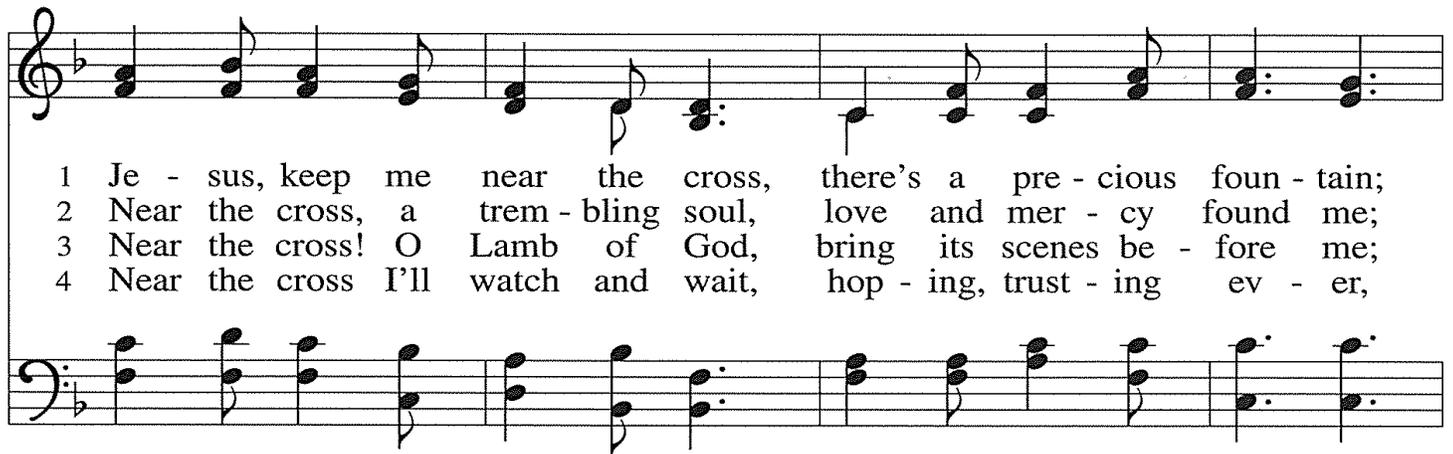


brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.



# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

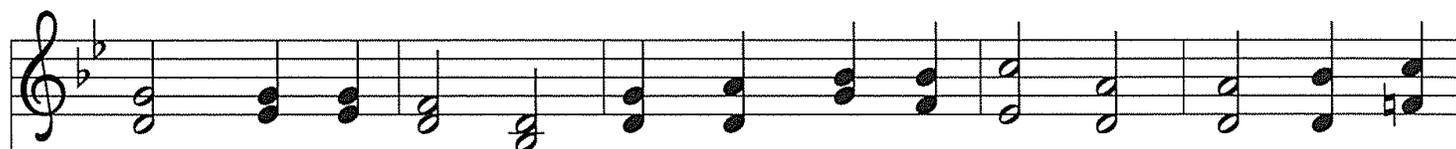
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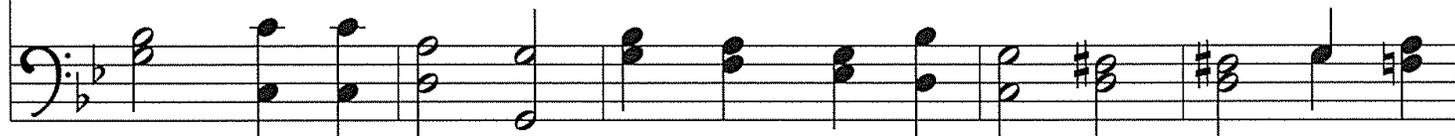
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



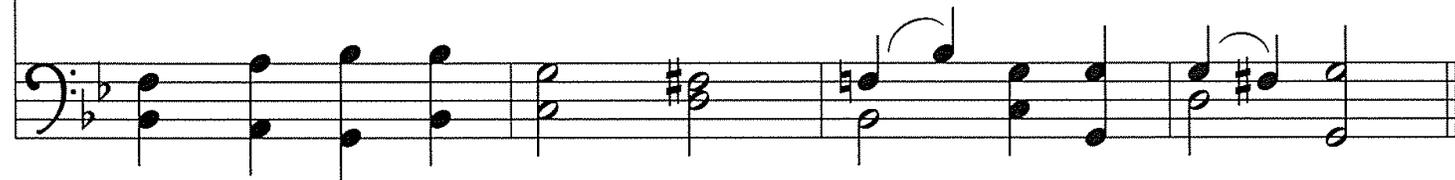
1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



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 indeed right and salutary.....we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*Words of institution**

P: Blessed are You,.....as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night.....Do this for the remembrance of Me.

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Hymn**

*Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup*

**(ELW) No. 492**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray.....Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

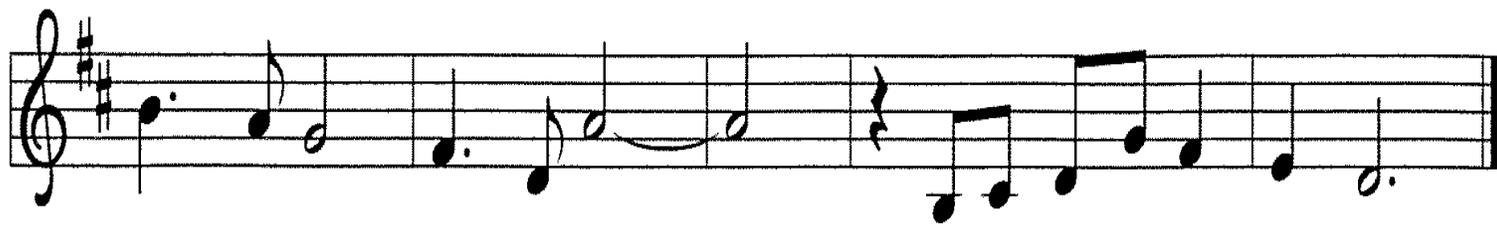
# Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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*Refrain*



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

*Refrain*



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

As the communion vessels are carried out Psalm 22 will be read.

The candles are extinguished and removed.

The altar is stripped and the linens are removed.

(Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands.)

The paraments are taken down and removed.

There is no benediction. All leave the church in silence. The omission of the benedictions at the end of liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.

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**The Lay Reader** is George Salvucci.

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have any questions or are interested in hearing about membership, please see the pastor or contact the Church Office.

### **Holy Communion**

We come to the table today at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Confirmed Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

***Listening for the Promise***  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Maundy Thursday - April 9, 2020**

“I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” - John  
13:15

Jesus met with his disciples in the upper room to celebrate the Passover feast. During the supper, we are told that he got up, took off his outer garment, wrapped a towel around himself, and proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. The washing of feet was a necessary task at any social gathering, for most people of the time either went barefoot or wore sandals. The roads and streets were mostly dirt, but the job of foot washing always fell to the lowest slave or servant. When Jesus and the disciples met in the upper room, they had no slaves or servants, but no one offered to be a servant and take up this lowly job. Jesus rose to the task.

Peter objected, saying that he would not allow his Master to do such a lowly thing. Jesus explained that while Peter did not really understand what was happening in this ritual, he would later, and that if Jesus did not wash his feet, Peter had no place with him. And Peter, being who he was, being brash and somewhat impulsive, then said, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” I think Jesus probably chuckled at this, and told Peter, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.” (The “you” in the last statement is plural in the Greek.) When Jesus said that not all of them were clean, he knew the one who was about to betray him.

Near the end of his teaching he says: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In this new commandment, Jesus is saying that we should do as he has done. We should love one another just as he has loved us. This was new, and not just the same as the “second greatest commandment” which is that we should “love our neighbors as we love ourselves.” This new commandment differs in that the guideline is NOT how much we love ourselves, but rather the way in which Jesus has loved each of us. And how is that? He gave up his place in heaven to come among us as one of us. He lived a sinless life to prove that such was possible. And finally, he sacrificed himself on the cross so that we might each share with him in eternal life. Will we do as much for others?