



# Maunder Thursday Service

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

**April 01, 2021**

**(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.**

## \*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

*At The Table*

(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

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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.**

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**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 14:12-26**

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

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Robert B. Grewe**

**Mandatum Reading**

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

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

**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.**

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*

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

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

**C: Amen.**

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 Mark Black

### **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.

## 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;

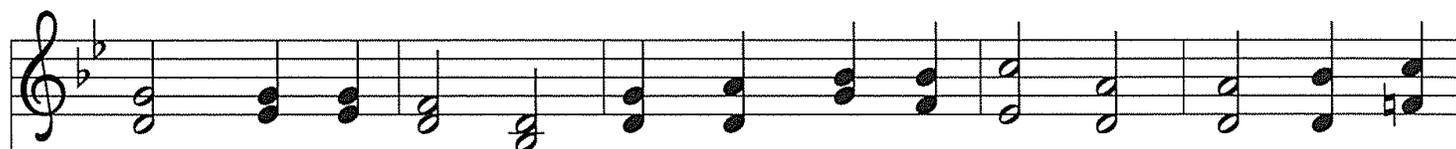


your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

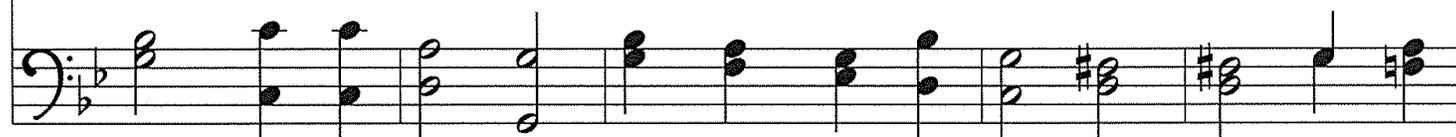


turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.





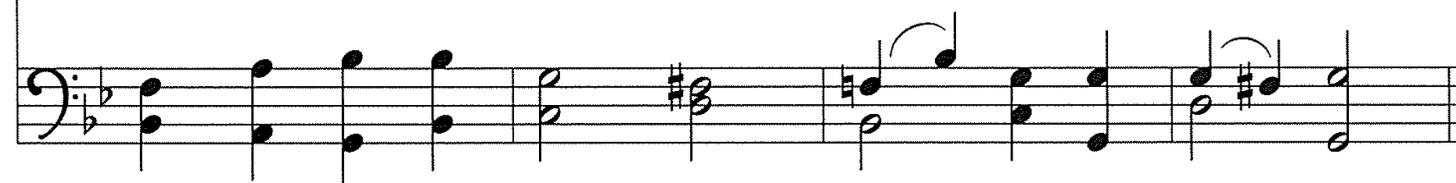
1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, 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.



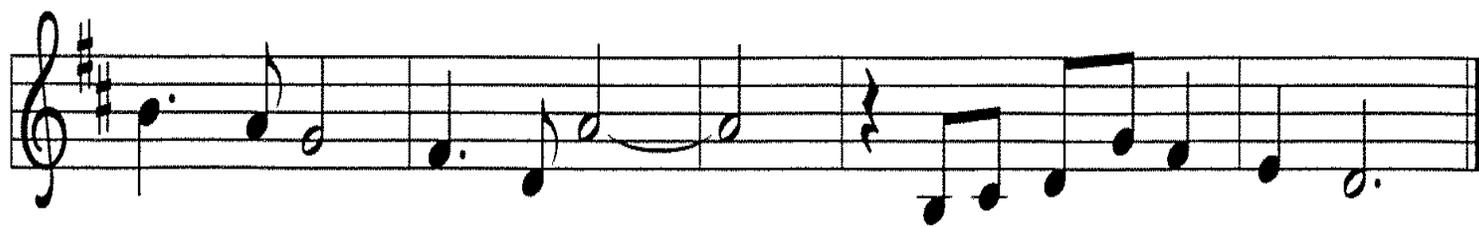
# Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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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 - dian, 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!

***Listening for the Promise***  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Maundy Thursday - April 1, 2021**

Surely, not I?" - Mark 14:19

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus arranged to celebrate Passover with the ones he had called and loved and taught, praying that they would stand the tests to come. We can't help but notice that there's one disciple who's rather quiet, maybe even nervous. He's not joining in much. It's as though his mind is preoccupied with something outside the room. Suddenly, Jesus looks around the table and declares that, "One of you will betray me." And the light mood turns suddenly somber. The mood changes from one of peace to one charged with doubt and anxiety. "Is it I?" they asked. "Surely it's not me, Lord." It makes us feel better, I think, when we scapegoat Judas. Judas was the one who left that table and ratted out his Master to the authorities. Judas was the one who told them his exact location in exchange for thirty pieces of silver. The gospel doesn't spell out his motives...which leaves a lot of room for us to consider the many reasons why someone – anyone – would stoop to betrayal.

Later that night, Jesus said to them, "You will ALL fall away; you will ALL become deserters because of me." Of course, they protested, echoing Peter's sentiment that, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." But beneath the surface, we know they had their doubts. "We're behind you, Jesus... far behind." "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me," Jesus declared.

I wish Judas could have really heard the rest of what Jesus said at the table that night. "Drink this, all of you." All of you who are sometimes faithful and sometimes fall away, drink this. All of you who are born of the Spirit, but also of the flesh, drink this. "This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The only defense we will have against the Tempter's wiles will be a piece of bread. It won't look like much, but it is enough. Enough strength to resist the devil and his empty promises. Enough grace to restore the fallen. Enough love to make the wounded whole. Enough faith to return even straying sheep to the narrow path. All you'll receive this day, when you walk down this aisle is a crumb and a sip. A crumb and a sip and the words, "given for you." But it's enough. Holding the promise of life beyond death, and victory beyond defeat, it is enough. Amen.