



# MAUNDY *Thursday*

April 2, 2026  
7:00 PM

...“Drink of it, all of you,  
for this is

*My blood*

of the covenant, which  
is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of  
sins.

—Matthew 26:27–28, ESV



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

**Welcome:** As the Lord Jesus had His disciples make preparations for the annual Passover meal, little did they know that this would be the very last official observance of the commanded remembrance of the exodus deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage in the days of Moses. For in the next three days (the Triduum), the fulfillment of that prophetic event would culminate in the deliverance of all people from the bondage of sin and death by means of the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah and deliverer. Tonight the “cup of blessing” (1 Corinthians 10:16) of the Passover meal is made to be the means of our participation in the very blood to be shed in atonement on the cross of Good Friday. Tonight this cup becomes the Sacrament of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to each individual believer from now on until the Lord returns on the Last Day. Tonight it is of utmost importance for all to hear and to believe in the very real presence of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus not just “spiritually” but “in, with, and under” the bread and wine we share, for the Lord Himself invites us to take and eat His body and to take and drink His blood, shed for us.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

**Communication Cards:** Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

**Communion Procedure:** Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. **Grape juice** is in the outer ring and **is lighter** in color than the wine. The **wine is darker** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

**Cushions** are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Welcomes Your Child:** The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

**Quiet Room:** The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

# ✠ Maundy Thursday ✠

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**Members and Visitors:** *Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.*

## Prelude

Adagio in G minor

by Tomaso Albinoni

*Stand*

## Hymn

**“When You Woke that Thursday Morning”** LSB 445, vss. 1–5

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; 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

LSB, pp. 290–291

**P** Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving 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.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

- P** 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.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C Amen.**

- P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.**

- 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.**

- 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.**

### Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C And also 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. **C Amen.**

*Sit*

### First Reading: Exodus 24:3–11

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just

decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words

that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

<sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do,

and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11–22

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the

transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:17–30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of

Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." <sup>27</sup>And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**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 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.

Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

*Sit*

**Hymn**

**“The Tree of Life”**

**LSB 561, vss. 1–4**

**Sermon**

**The Cross: Fruit from the Tree**

**Offering:** We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the “Online Giving” section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.

**Offertory**

**“Meditation”**

**by Sy Brandon**

Jennifer Koudelka, clarinet

*Stand*

**Pastoral Prayers**

**The Prayers of the Church**

- A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, You are our Lord and we have become Your disciples in Baptism, Your brothers and sisters, Your Body and individually members of it. As on that holy night when You entered into the final days of Your Passion, You suffered betrayal at the hand of one of Your own chosen disciples, so do we number ourselves still struggling with sin and the temptation of going our own way. As You restored Your servant Simon Peter, You have spoken Your sustaining Word of forgiveness to us this night. Make us faithful to Your calling that we may continually worship You in spirit and in truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** On this night You took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it now to be Your body given for us and our salvation. Continue to give us this sacred bread that You may live in us as we live in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** In the same way also You took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it now to be the new testament in Your blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Make us drink deeply of Your great love that we may love You in return and serve as ambassadors of Your love for all. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** When You commanded Your disciples, saying, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” You were promising not just good memories of the past but Your very presence with every believer giving every good and perfect gift of mercy and grace through Your eternal Word and Spirit. “Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting” (LSB 939). Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Hear also our prayer for all public servants; for the government and those who protect us; for the deliverance of all from any affliction, danger, or need; and all for whom You have come to be the eternal Savior, the way, the truth, and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### 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**

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

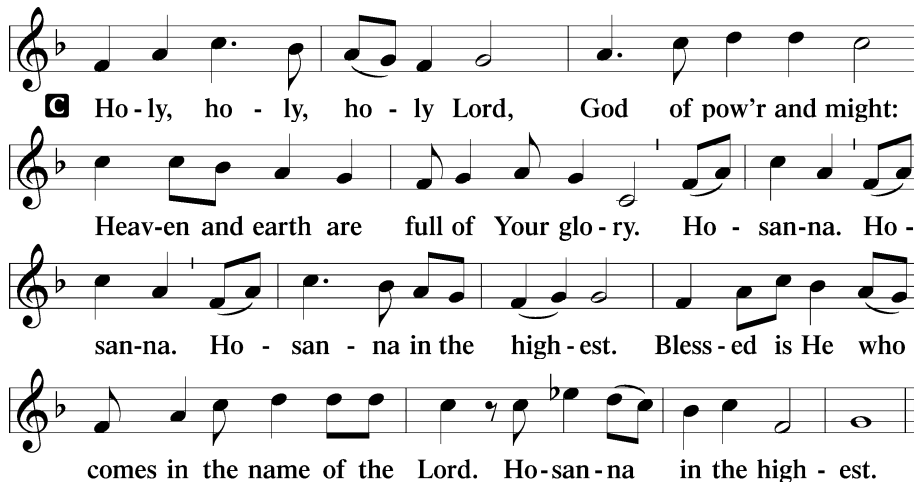
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

As Your people of old were commanded to keep the Passover as a feast to the Lord throughout their generations, as a statute forever, so has Christ become our Passover who endured the wrath and death of sin for us and the whole world by the sacrifice of His own body and blood on the cross of Calvary, opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Grant us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## Pax Domini

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

**C** And also with you.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn	"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"	LSB 438, vss. 1-4
Hymn	"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"	LSB 560, vss. 1-4
Hymn	"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"	LSB 422, (sing 2X)

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**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** Amen.

## Stripping of the Altar

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.*

## Psalm: Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>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.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup>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 himself alive.  
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

***All leave the church in silence.***

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