



MAUNDY *Thursday*

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
MORRISTOWN, TN**

**HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING (LSB 260 - 267)
APRIL 9TH, 2020**

As We Gather... Holy Thursday begins the great three days that commemorate how God accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ. The first part of the service is confession and forgiveness, the culmination of the Lenten season of repentance. Holy Thursday then recalls two central events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. First is the Lord's Supper. The Gospel tells of the Holy Thursday night when, during the Passover meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is My body." He then took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My blood of the new covenant." The old covenant involved regular repeated animal sacrifice. This new covenant involves the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus' blood, which fulfilled the old covenant once for all. We now share this Meal regularly in remembrance of Jesus' all-availing sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. The second central event recalled tonight is the abandonment of Jesus by all who loved Him. This is remembered by the action of stripping the altar while Psalm 22 is sung or read. This reminder of how Jesus was forsaken also assures us that Jesus is with us at times when we feel forsaken. **To God Alone Be Glory!**

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Opening Versicles

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle: Song of Moses and Israel

Refrain: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

- 1 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;
- 2 this is my God, and I will praise Him,
my father's God, and I will exalt Him. *REFRAIN*
- 3 The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is His name.

- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- 5 The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.
- 6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. *REFRAIN*
- 7 Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- 8 You stretched out Your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.
- 9 You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.
- 10 You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,
- 11 the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.
The LORD will reign forever and ever.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *REFRAIN*

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

P A reading from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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."

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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt
offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of
the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went
up, 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. And he did not lay his hand on the
chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–19

What shall I render to the LORD

for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–22

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

But 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) 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. 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, 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.

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. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 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, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17–30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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?" 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.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 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." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "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. 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."

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.

Responsory

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Catechism

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee that Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor that we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

Prayer

Those we remember in our Prayers: Louis & Eyvonne, Georgia, Beth, Tom, Dave, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, Brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, Bill & Jim, Billy, Gary, Andrew, Walt and Doris, David, Rhonda, and the Loney's grandson, David, working as a Pharmacist in the Navy down in New Orleans. From the family of faith in Harrogate, we lift up Helen, Arthur, Trude, John and Jeri. We also lift up Karla, a friend of our sister Betsy Lynch, who has been infected with the virus, and Pastor's Aunt, Sharon, who has cancer and is in Hospice care and Laurie's niece, Heather, working as a Respiratory Technician in a hospital in Georgia.

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Soli Deo Gloria!

Those in His Service

Elder on Call: Don Baldus

Trustee on Call: Scott Siemsen



FULFILLING OUR MISSION, here is our CONGREGATIONAL ACTION PLAN...

Guided by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we will respond:

- **Spiritually**, by our study of Scripture and prayer as we participate in the work of the Lord.
- **Inwardly**, by inviting all our members to be faithful in worship.
- **Outwardly**, by sharing Christ with those who don't know the LORD and His mission or our Congregation.
- **Sacrificially**, by giving not only of our treasure, but also our time and talent, so that His light shines through us to draw His People to Him.

News & Notes

Holy Week Services will continue to be posted in a timely manner so as to be enjoyed at the “Normal” worship times for both OSLC and COTC, so look for tomorrow’s April 10th (Good Friday) service and then get ready our Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunrise.

Also, please remember... that even though we are prevented from gathering in His House, there are still things that need to continue in support of the work there, so please send your offerings and gifts as you are able either by mail or electronic means.

Also...check out Dale’s musical gift of Hymns and Sacred Music to supplement our Holy Week observances. He has recordings for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, enjoy them before or after the Holy Week services.