



April 17, 2025 ~ 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL ABSOLUTION

Traditionally, Maundy Thursday worshippers have come forward at the beginning of the worship service to receive Personal Absolution to prepare to receive and appreciate the body and blood of Christ and the formal forgiveness of sins through the Office of the Ministry.

UPON ARRIVAL FOR THE SERVICE:

1. Please take your seat and take some time for personal preparation.
2. Read through the confession of sins below, taking time to think and meditate upon how this confession personally applies to your life.

Other Reading for Preparation: Lutheran Service Book *Christian Questions with Their Answers* p. 329, *Ten Commandments*, p. 321, *The Lord's Prayer*, p. 323 and *The Sacrament of the Altar*, p. 326.

Please rise

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**All: We confess before Thee that we have sinned against Thy holy will
in many ways,**

not alone through outward acts,

**whereby we have dishonored Thy holy name among men,
but much more by inborn blindness, unbelief, doubt,**

by despondency, impatience, self-love, filthy lusts,

**by envy and many other sins which Thou, O Lord God,
you see in us far more than we understand.**

O Lord we repent of our sins and are heartily sorry

**that we have transgressed Thy law and have grieved Thy Holy Spirit
and defiled ourselves in conscience.**

**But we believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man,
was wounded for our transgressions**

and was bruised for our iniquities

**that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him
and we are healed by His stripes.**

Spare us for the sake of Christ.

Punish us not as we deserve.

For the sake of Christ, according to Thy word,

declare unto us the gracious forgiveness of all our sins.

Grant that we may believe Thy pardoning word

and keep it in our hearts as an abiding comfort.
Renew a right spirit within us
 and write Thy commandments upon our hearts
 that we may no more sin against Thee.
May we serve Thee according to the desire of our hearts
 in holiness and righteousness all our days.
Lord have mercy upon us.

The ushers will direct you to come forward in the same way that takes place during communion. After personal absolution, please return to your seat.

OPENING HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 116

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, save me!"

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

People: The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

Pastor: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

People: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Pastor: I believed, therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

People: And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars."

Pastor: How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Pastor: O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains.

People: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

People: in the courts of the house of the Lord – in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

All: Glory 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire – head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn – both men and animals – and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign

for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:15-25

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY (SPOKEN)

Pastor: Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

**People: Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**All: Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us;
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:7-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2, 4); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 3); tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006
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SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good . . .

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION HYMN**“Abide with Me”****LSB 878**

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: 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.

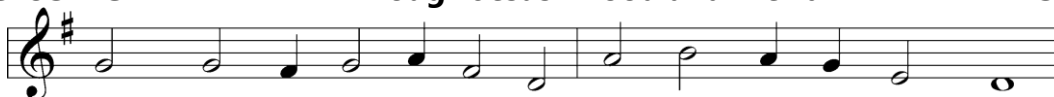
People: Amen

The altar is stripped. This ancient Maundy Thursday custom is symbolic of the stripping and humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. The altar and chancel remain bare through the Good Friday service.

CLOSING HYMN

“Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”

LSB 746



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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BENEDICTION

DEPART IN PEACE

