



MAUNDY
Thursday

DIVINE SERVICE

April 1, 2021

7:00 PM

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

arr. E. Broughton
arr. A. Giamanco

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

Stand

HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

(All sing vs' 1 and 4, men sing 2 and women sing 3)



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 AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C Amen.

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

C I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil---all that keeps us from loving Him and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at Baptism. Within the community of the Church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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.

P 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 COLLECT

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

P Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave us a new

commandment, to love one another as He loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as He was the servant of all, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Elder

Exodus 12:1–14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116:12-19

P What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

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

Men: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

P Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Women: O Lord, truly I am Your servant;

Men: the Son of Your maidservant;

G You have freed me from my chains.

P I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

G I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,

P in the courts of the house of the Lord,

G in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE, *Elder*

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

^{31b}Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples' feet. May each of us fervently desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Hear our prayer and,
- C** **humble us, O Lord.**
- A** On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. Sustain our unity in confession and doctrine that the Church may stand as a beacon of Your eternal truth. Hear our prayer and,
- C** **unite us, O Lord.**
- P** On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know that the Father had sent Him into the world to be the Light of the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer and,
- C** **renew our witness, O Lord.**
- A** On this night, our Lord keeps us mindful that the Father's love was sufficient for His only-begotten Son and for all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ Jesus, our Lamb without defect, ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death. By Your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of Your enormous, unchanging love for us. Hear our prayer and,
- C** **fill us with Your love.**
- P** On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Hear our prayer and,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**
- C** **Merciful Lord, Your love compels us to come to Your Holy Meal. Give us truly penitent hearts that we may receive this Sacrament worthily. You, O Lord, are the God of our salvation, who bids us to come to this feast partaking of bread and wine. Cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your**

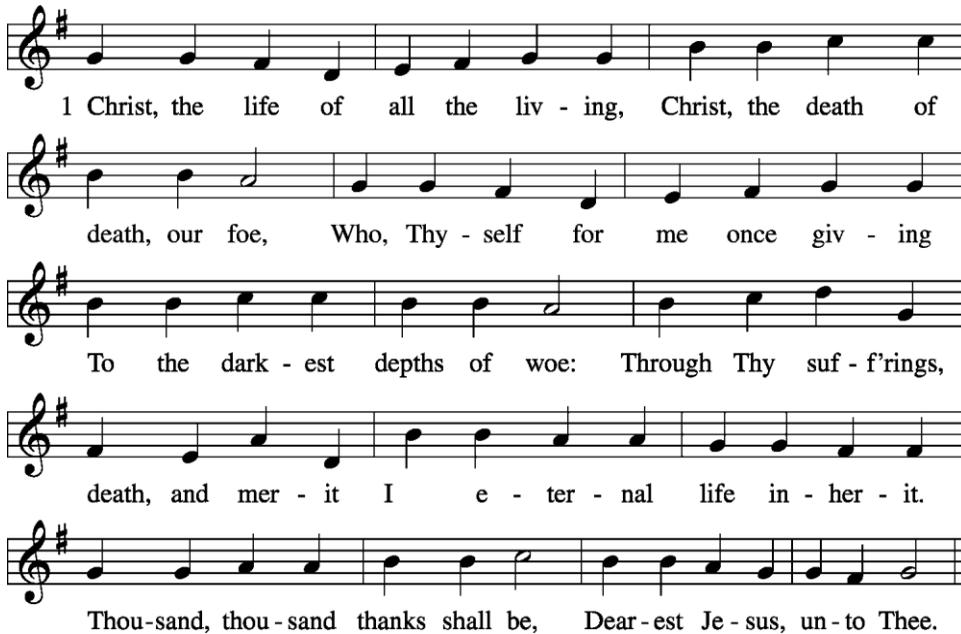
Son, that we may live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth. Amen.

OFFERING, *Presented at the Altar*

OFFERTORY

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420 st. 1



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

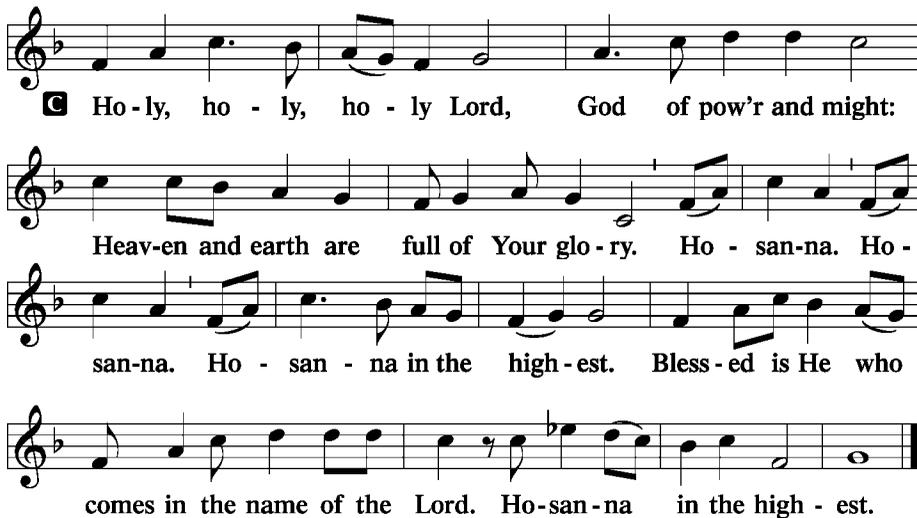
✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

PREFACE

- 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 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



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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You gave faith to Abraham and guided him to the land You promised. You rescued Israel from bondage in Egypt and restored them as a nation. You granted forgiveness to Your servant David and shepherded Your people in times of trial. And in the fullness of time, You fulfilled Your covenant with Israel by making them a blessing to all people when You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Grant us grace to receive Him by faith, to trust in Him alone for forgiveness and life, and to be strengthened in this Sacrament as You have promised.

C To You alone, O Father, we give thanks and praise. Amen.

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

LORD'S PRAYER, *On Forward Screens*

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Gracious heavenly Father, in the midst of this Passion Week, when we remember all that Your beloved Son sacrificed for us, You have given us a remembrance of the Passover meal and the freedom from bondage it recalls. You have given us true pardon and peace in this Holy Supper, and a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the true faith that our sins are forgiven by faith in Your Son until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom that has no end; 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 +

P After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours before our Lord was crucified. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

P Christ's offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

C **As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Holy Sacrament.**

[Communion vessels are removed.]

P The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

C **When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** *John 1:29*

[The processional cross is removed.]

P The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

C **As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.**

[The missal stand and Altar Book are removed.]

P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

C **The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.**

[All candles are extinguished and removed.]

P Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form.

C **As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.**

[The offerings are removed.]

P The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

C **As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.**

[The altar cloths and Paraments are removed.]

[When the stripping of the altar has been completed:]

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

Psalm 22

¹My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of my groaning?

**²O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

**³Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**⁴In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.**

**⁵To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.**

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
⁸“He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”
⁹Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made Me trust You at My mother’s breasts.
¹⁰On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother’s womb You have been My God.
¹¹Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
¹²Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within My breast;
¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
You lay Me in the dust of death.
¹⁶For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—
¹⁷I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
¹⁸they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
²⁰Deliver My soul from the sword,

My precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For 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.

²⁵From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and He rules over the nations.

²⁹All 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.

³⁰Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

Please observe silence while departing, this service continues tomorrow at 7:00 pm

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