

 GRACE LUTHERAN

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**



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**APRIL 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

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*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26*

*(\*Indicates when the congregation stands.)*

**THE PRELUDE**

Improvisation on UBI CARITAS

**THE WELCOME**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: He who has no money, come, buy and eat without price.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: Listen diligently to Me, says the Lord; eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: This is My Body which is for you. ...This cup is the new covenant in My Blood.

**People: Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Pastor: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” (vv. 1, 2 & 4) *Hymn 915*  
*(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)*

**Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,  
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.**

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o’er?  
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

**\*THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** On the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and wine and gave it to His disciples as the meal of the New Covenant. Tonight as we prepare to receive the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, we confess that we have betrayed our Lord by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. We repent of that sin, and we seek God’s mercy to forgive our iniquity.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we are not worthy to receive You. We are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed Your Word and disregarded Your will for us. We ask You not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgressions. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His body and blood for our salvation, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we walk in obedience to Your Word, to the glory of Your holy name.**

**Pastor:** We cry to You for mercy!

**People:** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news! God’s Word declares: “the blood of Jesus Christ God’s Son cleanses us from all sin (*1 John 1:7*). In the mercy of Almighty God, His Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ’s sake

God forgives you all your sins and gives you His righteousness, making you holy in His sight. His mercy endures forever because His love for you is steadfast.

**People: Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”  
(vv. 1 & 5)

*Hymn 611*

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.**

**O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 16:4-5*

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 11:25-26*

<sup>25</sup>In 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.”

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM**

“He Shall Feed His Flock (from ‘Messiah’)”  
(Vocal Soloist)

*G.F. Handel*

\*Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**\*People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:17-29*

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."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## \*THE SERMON HYMN "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

*Hymn 637*

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

## THE HOMILY

## “Mercy in Bread and Wine”

### THE PRAYERS

Pastor: By the blood of Jesus we have confidence to enter God’s presence. So let us draw near to God in prayer with sincere hearts and with the full assurance that faith brings. (*Hebrews 10:19-22*)

Pastor: Merciful Father,

**People: Hear us for the sake of Christ who bled and died for us.**

Pastor: That the Church of Christ as the body of Christ in the world, might bear witness to His saving love for all, Merciful Father,

**People: Hear us for the sake of Christ who bled and died for us.**

Pastor: That all the world for which Christ died may be brought under the sway of His good and gracious rule, Merciful Father,

**People: Hear us for the sake of Christ who bled and died for us.**

Pastor: That the blessings we receive may be shared with all, especially to those in extreme circumstances and dire need, Merciful Father,

**People: Hear us for the sake of Christ who bled and died for us.**

Pastor: And that the good gifts which we receive this day may truly be a foretaste of the banquet yet to be, the everlasting feast of those whom Christ has gathered by His grace and in His love to share His gifts forevermore, Merciful Father,

**People: Hear us for the sake of Christ who bled and died for us. Amen.**

### \*HOLY COMMUNION

### \*WORDS OF PREPARATION

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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.

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”**

*Hymn 623*

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

***Refrain***

**You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.**

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;  
So when You call Your fam’ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. *Refrain.***

**With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude  
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav’nly food. *Refrain.***

**Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain.***

**The myst’ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain.***

**You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. *Refrain.***

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Pastor:** May the merciful God, who sent His son to be the life of the world,  
enliven you by His living presence, through Jesus Christ to whom be the  
glory forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*In this liturgical act a transition is made from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus’  
crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of His power and glory, is now  
in the hands of His enemies. Because we are certain of the Easter victory, this  
symbolic service reminds us of the magnitude of our Savior’s love.*

**Pastor:** After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the  
earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly:

prayer in Gethsemane  
betrayal by Judas  
arrest, mock trial, painful beating  
the trudge to Golgotha and execution

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us. The flower vases, which hold the flowers that remind us of God's creation are now removed. As there were no flowers at the cross of Christ, so we remove the flowers that adorn our Chancel.

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

*Hymn 449*

**O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we have extinguished our candles and now remove them.

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**

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

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**

Pastor: The missal stand holds the worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

**Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.**

Pastor: Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the Symbols of this Sacrament.

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended  
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.**

Pastor: Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here 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. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man's atonement, while He nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,  
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee;  
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.**

*(Because this liturgy flows directly into the Good Friday liturgy,  
there is no blessing or postlude.)*

*(All leave in silence.)*

### **THE PARTICIPANTS**

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*The Confirmation class will assist with the stripping of the altar.*

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