



The Order of Divine Service for

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 2024

4:00 and 6:30 pm

We welcome you in the Savior's name and pray the blessings of His Spirit upon us through His Word and Sacraments, to the glory of our Heavenly Father. In reverent prayer and quiet devotion, please prepare for this service by reviewing the order of service and meditating on Psalm 22, found in the front of your hymnal.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

The Prelude

When You Woke That Thursday Morning
Kevin Hildebrand

The Hymn of Invocation

LSB 445
When You Woke That Thursday Morning

The Invocation

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Introit

*(the congregation chants the verses in **bold print**)*

Psalm 116:1-4; antiphon v. 5
setting by Stephen P. Johnson

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me; *
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD: *

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous; *
our God is | merciful.

The Kyrie p. 186

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The Old Testament Reading *Exodus 24:3-11*

³Moses 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.” ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And 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.

The Gradual (6:30 pm) *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*
sung by the choir setting by Matthew Machemer

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
Thus securing an eternal redemption.
Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
He sent redemption to His people.
He has commanded His covenant forever.

The Epistle *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Verse (6:30 pm) *John 13:1b*
sung by the choir setting by Matthew Machemer

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

The Holy Gospel *Mark 14:12-26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus’] disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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.”

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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The Hymn of the Day LSB 617
O Lord, We Praise Thee

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The Presentation of the Offerings (6:30) *Out of the Depths*
sung by the choir Carl Schalk

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
In His word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy, with Him there is plenteous redemption,
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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At the end of the 4:00 pm service, the congregation leaves in silence, returning on the morrow for the observance of the crucifixion of our Lord. The 6:30 pm service continues with the Stripping of the Altar.

The Stripping of the Altar

During the 6:30 pm service, while Psalm 22 is chanted, the altar is stripped of its paraments and linens. This is symbolic of the fact that after Holy Thursday and before His crucifixion, our Lord was stripped of His clothes. He was stripped naked that we who are naked in our sins might be clothed with His righteousness. Psalm 22 rehearses the humiliation of Christ at the hand of the soldiers as well as other themes of the Passion.

*The congregation chants the verses in **bold print***

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

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

²**O 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.

⁴**In you our fathers | trusted,***
they trusted, and you de- | livered 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 de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights 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 en- | compass me;*
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round 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 with- | in 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 en- | compass 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 a- | mong 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, glo- | rify 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 congre- | gation;*
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 for- | ever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore 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 him-
| self alive.

**30Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;**

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.

Christ’s humiliation for us incites us to true humility in our lives.

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the observance of the crucifixion of our Lord.*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

The Participants

The Officiant
The Organist and Choir Director
The Choir (6:30 pm)

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Nuckols
Mr. Stephen P. Johnson
Festival Choir