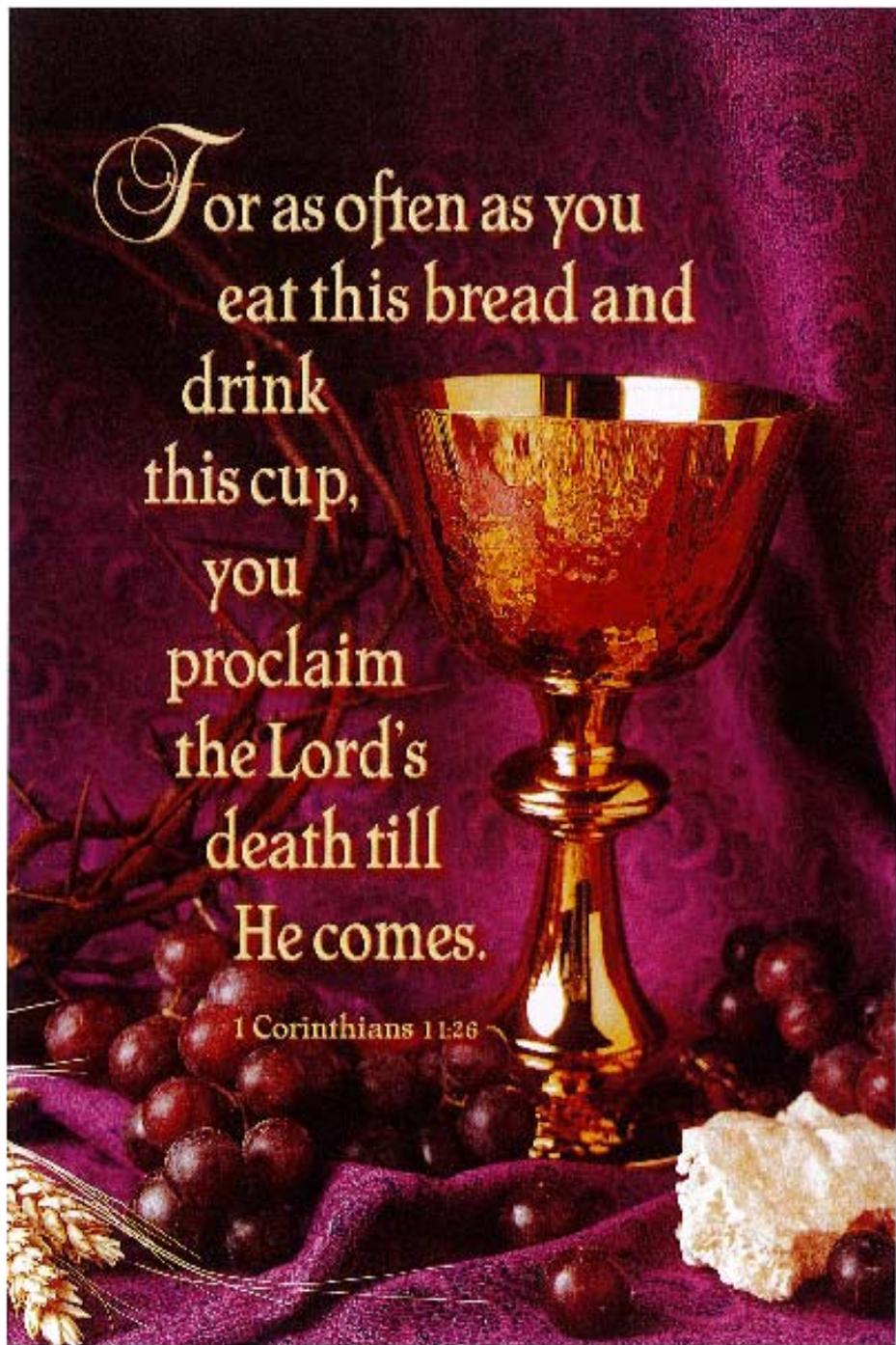


For as often as you  
eat this bread and  
drink  
this cup,  
you  
proclaim  
the Lord's  
death till  
He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## As We Gather

Maundy Thursday is the night Jesus was betrayed. We are reminded of this each time the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper are spoken. While celebrating the Passover with his beloved disciples, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Altar. In it he gives his very body and blood in, with and under the bread and the wine for us Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn ~ "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ..... Hymn 440

- 1        Jesus, I will ponder now  
          On Your holy passion;  
          With Your Spirit me endow  
          For such meditation.  
          Grant that I in love and faith  
          May the image cherish  
          Of Your suffering, pain, and death  
          That I may not perish.
  
- 2        Make me see Your great distress,  
          Anguish, and affliction,  
          Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
          And Your crucifixion;  
          Make me see how scourge and rod,  
          Spear and nails did wound You,  
          How for them You died, O God,  
          Who with thorns had crowned You.
  
- 3        Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
          Make me see Your passion,  
          But its cause to me make known  
          And its termination.  
          Ah! I also and my sin  
          Wrought Your deep affliction;  
          This indeed the cause has been  
          Of Your crucifixion.

- 4 Grant that I Your passion view  
 With repentant grieving.  
 Let me not bring shame to You  
 By unholy living.  
 How could I refuse to shun  
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
 Since for me God's only Son  
 Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm  
 And my conscience grieve me,  
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
 Peace of conscience give me.  
 Help me see forgiveness won  
 By Your holy passion.  
 If for me He slays His Son,  
 God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from You,  
 Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give You love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above  
 Sing Your praise forever.

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## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** I will go to the Altar of God,

**C** **to God my exceeding joy**

*Psalm 43:4*

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** Let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**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. 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.**

## Collect For Maundy Thursday

**P** Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Introit

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, deliver my soul!"

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

*Ps. 116:1-4; antiphon: Ps 116:5*

## Readings from the Book of Concord

*The Augsburg Confession  
The Lord's Supper, Article X*

It is taught among us that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received. The contrary doctrine is therefore rejected.

*Apology of The Augsburg Confession  
The Lord's Supper, Article X, 4*

We have quoted all of this here, not to begin an argument on this subject ... but to make clear to all our readers that we defend the doctrine received in the whole church — that in the Lord's Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and substantially present and are truly offered with those things that are seen, bread and wine. We are talking about the presence of the living Christ, knowing that "death no longer has dominion over him."

## Old Testament Lesson

## Exodus 24:3-11

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

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

## Gradual

[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.

## Epistle Lesson

## Hebrews 9:11-22

<sup>11</sup>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) <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>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.

## Verse

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>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?" <sup>18</sup>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.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>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.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

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!

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Sermon  
"Is It I, Lord?"  
Matthew 26:17-30

"Create in Me"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and a final whole note. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff features a melodic line with a prominent half note followed by quarter notes. The fourth staff includes a measure with a whole rest, indicating a pause in the melody. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a final whole note and a double bar line.

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Prayer of The Church

## 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.

*(After the Last Supper, less than 24 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.)*

*(You may wish to meditate on Jesus' sacrifice for our sins by following along with Psalm 22. This service continues on Good Friday, therefore the benediction is omitted.)*

## Psalm 22

### *Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

- <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup>For 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.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.
- <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>All 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.
- <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

+ Silent Prayer +

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