

St. John's
Lutheran Church

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

April 9, 2020

7pm



Vespers for Holy Thursday

Versicles for Lent

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
 - G** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 - G** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**



Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–19

- ¹²What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
- ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Office Hymn

640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,
 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,
 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,
 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,

Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford;
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:

Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,

Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
 And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
 For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.
 The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.
 The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

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Readings

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Reading

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 O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 13:1–15, 34–35

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. . . .

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."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Lent

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Meditation



Canticle

Audite, Coeli

926 Song from Deuteronomy

Refrain

The LORD will vin - di - cate His peo - ple and
have com - pas - sion on His ser - vants.

Chant Tone

¹Give ear, O heavens, and | I will speak,*

and let the earth hear the words | of my mouth.

²May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill | as the dew,*

like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers up - | on the herb.

³For I will proclaim the name | of the LORD;*

ascribe greatness | to our God!

⁴The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are | justice.*

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and up - | right is He.

Refrain

⁵When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when He divided | mankind,*

He fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the | sons of God.

⁶But the LORD's portion is His | people,*

Jacob His allotted | heritage.

⁷He found him in a | desert land,*

and in the howling waste of the | wilderness;

⁸He encircled him, He | cared for him,*

He kept him as the apple | of His eye.

⁹Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over | its young,*

spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its | pinions,

¹⁰the LORD alone | guided him,*

no foreign god was | with him.

Refrain

¹¹"See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god be- | side Me;*

I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of | My hand."

¹²Rejoice with Him, O | heavens;*

bow down to | Him, all gods,

¹³for He avenges the blood of His | children*

and takes vengeance on His adver- | saries.

¹⁴He repays those who | hate Him*

and cleanses His | people's land.

Refrain

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Prayer

Kyrie

- ☐ Lord, have mercy;**
- ☐ Christ, have mercy;**
- ☐ Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

G 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.

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

G And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

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.

G Amen.

Collect for Likeness to Christ

L O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake that following His blessed example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Collect of General Intercession

L Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk

according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



Stripping the Altar

The altar appointments are reverently removed. This ceremony is to remember not only the physical stripping of our Lord in preparation for His crucifixion, but that He emptied Himself of divine majesty, taking the form of a servant and humbling Himself to the point of death on a cross. During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 22 is sung. There is one tradition that says Jesus prayed the entire Psalter during His hours on the cross. He undoubtedly prayed the first verse of Psalm 22, which is one of His last words from the cross.

Psalmody

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.

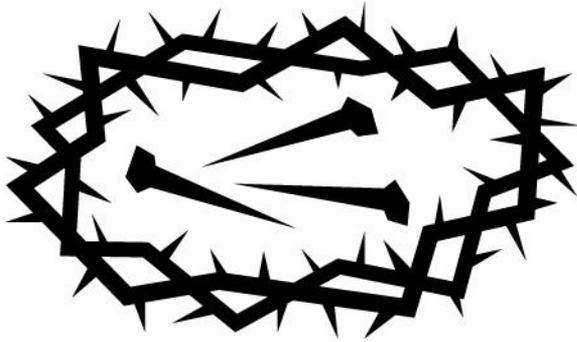
³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

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.



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