



HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

† PREPARATION †

HYMN *"Praise Be to Christ" LSB #538*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS *LSB, pp. 290–91*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **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.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: **Yes.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

HYMN *"Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling" LSB #630*

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 12:1–14*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 17 is spoken in unison*

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

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**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 † of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, You are our Lord and we have become Your disciples in Baptism, Your brothers and sisters, Your Body and individually members of it. As on that holy night when You entered into the final days of Your Passion, You suffered betrayal at the hand of one of Your own chosen disciples, so do we number ourselves still struggling with sin and the temptation of going our own way. As You restored Your servant Simon Peter, You have spoken Your sustaining Word of forgiveness to us this night. Make us faithful to Your calling that we may continually worship You in spirit and in truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: On this night You took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it now to be Your body given for us and our salvation. Continue to give us this sacred bread that You may live in us as we live in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In the same way also You took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it now to be the new testament in Your blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Make us drink deeply of Your great love that we may love You in return and serve as ambassadors of Your love for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When You commanded Your disciples, saying, "Do this in remembrance of Me," You were promising not just good memories of the past but Your very presence with every believer giving every good and perfect gift of mercy and grace through Your eternal Word and Spirit. "Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting" (*LSB* 939). Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear also our prayer for all public servants; for the government and those who protect us; for the deliverance of all from any affliction, danger, or need; and all for whom You have come to be the eternal Savior, the way, the truth, and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

OFFERTORY *"Create In Me A Clean Heart" Mary Rice Hopkins*

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might be renewed**

**So fill me and heal me
And bring me back to You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You**

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† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You! Yeah!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy upon us
and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but
have eternal life.

As Your people of old were commanded to keep the Passover as a feast to the Lord
throughout their generations, as a statute forever, so has Christ become our Passover
who endured the wrath and death of sin for us and the whole world by the sacrifice of His
own body and blood on the cross of Calvary, opening the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.



Grant us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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."

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."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *"The Lamb" LSB #547, verse 2*

**The Lamb, The Lamb
One perfect Final Offering
The Lamb, The Lamb
Let earth join heaven, his praise to sing
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me his own
The Lamb is reigning on his throne**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread" LSB #629

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING “*Jesus, Thank You*” *Pat Sczebel*

**The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

**By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near
Your enemy You’ve made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

**Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You**

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied
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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.

PSALM *Psalm 22*

Pastor: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
 Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?
O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
 and by night, but I find no rest.
Yet You are holy,
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In You our fathers trusted;
 they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried and were rescued;
 in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm and not a man,
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see Me mock Me;
 they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
"He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;
 let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
 You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.
On You was I cast from My birth,
 and from My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me,
 for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
 Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
 they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
 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;
 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
 You lay Me in the dust of death.
For dogs encompass Me;
 a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—

I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O Lord, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!
I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
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!
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.
From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.
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.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

All leave the church in silence.

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