

**April 17, 2024**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Kyrie**.....(pg. 152 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ **Amen.**

## Hymn Of Praise

### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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| 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,<br>In thanksgiving bow before Thee.<br>Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish<br>Our weak souls that they may flourish:<br>O Lord, have mercy!<br>May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,<br>That our sins and sorrows did carry,<br>And Thy blood for us plead<br>In all trial, fear, and need:<br>O Lord, have mercy! | 2 Thy holy body into death was given,<br>Life to win for us in heaven.<br>No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;<br>May this feast thereof remind us!<br>O Lord, have mercy!<br>Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee<br>That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.<br>All our debt Thou hast paid;<br>Peace with God once more is made:<br>O Lord, have mercy! | 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor<br>That we follow Christ our Savior<br>And live together here in love and union<br>Nor despise this blest Communion!<br>O Lord, have mercy!<br>Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;<br>Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;<br>Give Thy Church, Lord, to see<br>Days of peace and unity:<br>O Lord, have mercy! |
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The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Let us Pray: O Lord God, since you have given us the account of the events in the upper room and Your Son has commanded us to follow His example, help us, we pray, to trust in your great love for us so that we humbly serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## Old Testament

### Genesis 12:1-3 (excerpts)

The Lord had said to Abram: "...I will bless you...and you will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

### Philippians 2:5-8

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

**John 13:1-5, 12-17 (excerpts)**

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was in progress and the devil had already prompted Judas...to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Object Lesson

### The Hymn of the Day

#### 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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| 1 | Where charity and love prevail<br>There God is ever found;<br>Brought here together by Christ's love<br>By love are we thus bound. | 3 | Forgive we now each other's faults<br>As we our faults confess,<br>And let us love each other well<br>In Christian holiness. |
| 2 | With grateful joy and holy fear<br>His charity we learn;<br>Let us with heart and mind and soul<br>Now love Him in return.         | 4 | Let strife among us be unknown;<br>Let all contention cease;<br>Be God's the glory that we seek;<br>Be ours His holy peace.  |
|   | 5  |   | Let us recall that in our midst<br>Dwells Christ, His only Son;<br>As members of His body joined<br>We are in Him made one.  |

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## Sermon

### Solo

"The Basin and the Towel"

#### The Nicene Creed

**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 of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **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.**

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**The Offertory**.....*(sung to #955 in the Lutheran Service Book)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**The Preface**.....*(pg. 160 in Lutheran Service Book)*

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

### **Jesus' Instruction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Choir**

“Lamb of God”

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

### **The Distribution Hymns**

#### **622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

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| 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared<br>This feast for our salvation;<br>It is Your body and Your blood,<br>And at Your invitation<br>As weary souls, with sin oppressed,<br>We come to You for needed rest,<br>For comfort, and for pardon.      | 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;<br>Help me when doubts assail me.<br>Remember that I am but dust,<br>And let my faith not fail me.<br>Your supper in this vale of tears<br>Refreshes me and stills my fears<br>And is my priceless treasure. |
| 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,<br>Your precious Word believing<br>That Your true body and Your blood<br>Our lips are here receiving.<br>This Word remains forever true;<br>All things are possible with You,<br>For You are Lord Almighty. | 7 Grant that we worthily receive<br>Your supper, Lord, our Savior,<br>And, truly grieving for our sins,<br>May prove by our behavior<br>That we are thankful for Your grace<br>And day by day may run our race,<br>In holiness increasing.         |
| 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,<br>Be praised throughout all ages!<br>Preserve it, for in ev'ry place<br>The world against it rages.<br>Grant that this sacrament may be<br>A blessed comfort unto me<br>When living and when dying.             |  |

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### 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

♪ **Amen.**

### **The Final Hymn**

#### 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

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