

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(As we share this meal together, let us sing, "Eat This Bread")*

Musical score for the hymn "Eat This Bread". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and nev-er be hun - gry." and "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Christ and you will not thirst."

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** We thank You, God, for this sacred meal of bread and wine. May this bread remind us of the broken body of Christ, given out of love for us all. May the wine that we drank bring to us healing peace that comes from knowing our sins are forgiven. Refreshed and restored, send us out into Your world that we may be the channels through which Your love and grace flow freely and abundantly into the life of this Your world. ~ Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended" [546]

## BENEDICTION



### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

TRE ORE SERVICE AT NOON TO 3:00 P.M.—HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Pastor Gillian is scheduled from 12:25 -12:50 p.m.*

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING AT 6.30 P.M.—OUR SANCTUARY

*A short reflective service*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.—OUR SANCTUARY

*Easter worship and communion*

*Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children*

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# Maundy Thursday

APRIL 13, 2017

6:30 P.M.

**GATHER IN SILENCE**

*(Please be sure all cell phones are silenced during the service this evening.)*

**FIRST THOUGHT**

There are plenty of recommendations on how to get out of trouble cheaply and fast. Most of them come down to this: Deny your responsibility.  
Lyndon B. Johnson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In an upper room, they gather to eat and drink.

**All: So we gather to break bread, drink from the cup and remember.**

One: In an upper room, they quarreled over who was the most important.

**All: And the most important, Jesus, prepared to sacrifice his life.**

One: In a courtyard, Peter denied his friend and his Lord.

**All: And Jesus still looked upon him with pity and with love.**

One: We gather as in the upper room and we remember we too have denied Jesus and seek his loving gaze and infinite grace.

**HYMN**

**“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” [94]**

**WELCOME**

*Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, welcome to this sanctuary. Here we celebrate the love of God and are inspired by the hospitality of Jesus who welcomed all. May you find something of God’s peace, love and grace as we worship together.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: On this night we gather to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his friends. At that table grace was shown as Jesus knew that those around him would betray and deny him. God, as we come this night we confess that we, too, have betrayed and denied Jesus. With our lips we have praised Him, but we have failed to put our words into actions. We deny Jesus when we fail to be the loving, kind, generous and forgiving people that we are called to be. We betray Jesus by failing to stand up for what we**

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*(Prayer of Confession—continue from previous page)*

**believe and for failing to stand with and for the vulnerable, the homeless, the weak and the stranger. God of grace, forgive us, we pray. Come to us again through bread and wine, heal our brokenness and forgive our failings. As You have given to us, so we give to You the praise and thanks You deserve. ~ Amen**

*(We take time to pray in silence and to listen for God’s word of forgiveness.)*

One: Friends, the grace of Jesus Christ is here for us now as it was for his friends in the upper room. Hear again these words: Your sins are forgiven.

**HYMN**

**“Come and Fill Our Hearts”**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

**SCRIPTURE AND HOMILY**

**Luke 22:54-62**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**“WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD”  
by Hal H. Hopson**