

### 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

### Mark 14:12-26 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For 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>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

#### Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor.

If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

## *Service for Maundy Thursday*

# *The Covenant Meal*

### Invocation

Shema Yisrael! Adonai Elohenu, Adonai echad! "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" The LORD our God is one God in three persons, blessed Trinity! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### The Blessing of the Candles

In the Hebrew tradition, before the Passover ceremony, the children light the candles and pray. This gesture symbolizes the coming of the Messiah as the light of the world. We welcome Messiah's presence among us as the candles are lit.

**Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe.  
You sanctify us by Your Word and allow us to kindle  
these lights. Bless our homes and our dear ones with the  
warmth and peace of Your Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### The Lighting of the Candles

### Opening Hymn

*Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*  
(Vs. 1-4)

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### Confession and Absolution

*(selected passages from Isaiah 53, 55, 57 and 59)*

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**But [our] iniquities have separated [us] from [our] God; [our] sins have hidden His face from [us], so that He will not hear.**

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

**[But] our offenses are many in Your sight, [O God], and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God.**

I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, [says the LORD]. I have seen [your] ways, but I will heal [you]; I will guide [you] and restore comfort to [you].

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.**

Give ear and come to Me; hear Me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, My faithful love promised to David.

**The LORD has laid on [Jesus Christ] the iniquity of us all.**

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I proclaim to you, in the stead and by the command of my LORD Jesus Christ, that your sins and iniquities are no more. "By His wounds [you] are healed."

**Amen.**

### **Collect for Maundy Thursday**

Let us pray. O LORD Jesus,

since You have left us a memorial of Your passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**The Passion History**

**Mark 14:12-26**

**Sermon Hymn** *When You Woke That Thursday Morning*  
(Choir Vs. 1-2, Congregation Vs. 3-5) **LSB 445**

**Sermon** "Invitation to Acceptance" **Mark 14:22-25**  
**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**Hymn Response** *Draw Near and Take the Body of the LORD*  
(Vs. 1) **LSB 637**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Our LORD's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn to the Lamb** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* **Page 198**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Hymns during Distribution** **LSB 440, 636, 435, 617**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Stripping of the Altar**

*The Communion vessels are reverently removed, the altar is stripped of paraments and ornaments, and the chancel is cleared. This ritual symbolically represents Christ stripped of His power and glory and abandoned to His captors. After the worship leaders leave, all depart the church silently. There is no Benediction this evening, showing the continuity from Maundy Thursday until Easter sunrise. The uncomfortable and incomplete feeling that you have by leaving without a Benediction symbolizes the feeling of the unknown tomorrow felt by the disciples of Jesus as they left the upper room.*