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## To Our Guests and Visitors

We *welcome* all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

## 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.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 5, 2012

## + CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

ENTRANCE HYMN "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (LSB 445)

KYRIE (Sung)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Sung)**

**C To God on high be glory  
 And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven  
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father;  
 Your holy name we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory,  
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,  
 The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
 Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated  
 At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,  
 You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever,  
 Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit  
 Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory.  
 "Amen!" our glad reply.**

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**  
 P 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 to us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1–14 (see last page)**

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 51:1–13 (antiphon: v. 17)**

*Antiphon:*  
 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\*  
 A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;\*  
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my  
 transgressions.**  
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,\*  
 and cleanse me from my sin!  
**For I know my transgressions,\*  
 and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,\*

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\***

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,\*  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,\*  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;\*  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;\***

**let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\***

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,\*  
and sinners will return to you.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\***

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 (see last page)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

P Having loved his own who were in the world,\*  
he loved them to the end.

**C Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 13:1–17, 31b–35 (see last page)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

(Inside back cover of the hymnal)

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617)

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## OFFERING

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*Stand*

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (*LSB* 563)

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (*LSB* 436)

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" (*LSB* 439)

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You have given us this bread and cup to eat and

drink. May we, who have received Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, proclaim Your death until You come again; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## + STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord.

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us. As Jewish women tended Jesus on the cross, so our Altar Guild removes the paraments and worship items.

[A portion of *Psalms* 22 is spoken as the flowers are removed]

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.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

[*The candles extinguished and removed*]

**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.**

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God’s greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

*[The offerings are removed]*

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;

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

*[The missal stands and service books are removed]*

**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!

Jesus’ offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we removed the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

*[The communion vessels removed]*

**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.

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King’s body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

*[The altar clothes and paraments are removed]*

**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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

+ + +

*Soli Deo Gloria*

*In silence the minister and congregation leave their places.*

*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.*

