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*Maundy
Thursday*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28 - 7:00 PM

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For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

*(*Indicates when the congregation stands.)*

PRELUDE

"Joyous Light"

arr. by Marty Haugen

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Hymn 445

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (vv. 1-3)
(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
3 What was there that You could give them That would



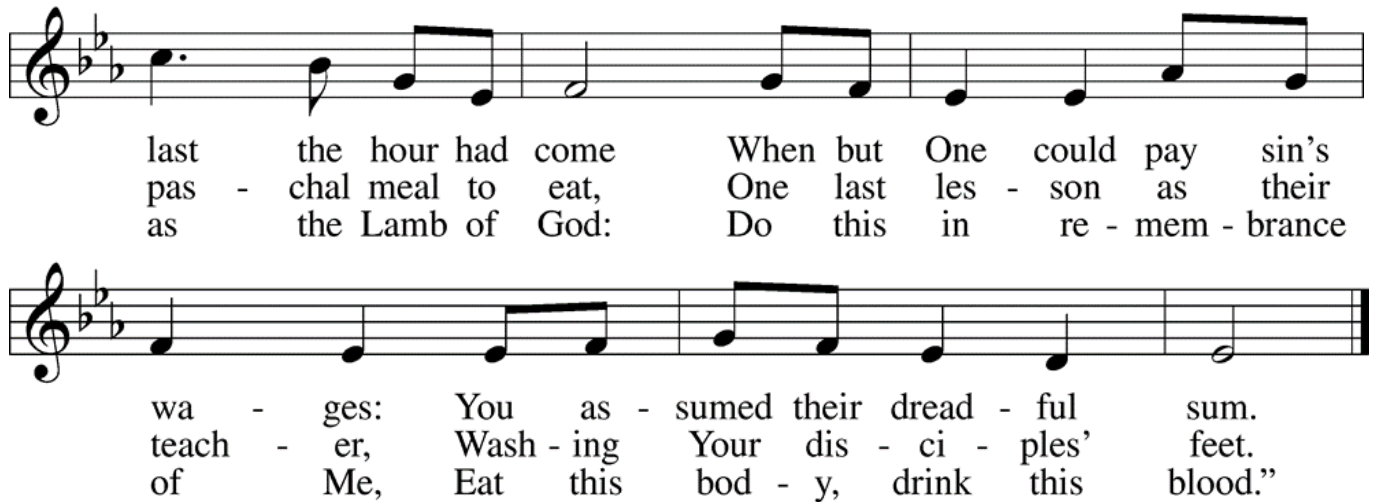
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance

wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: On the night before He died, Jesus spoke to His disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that He alone can give: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (*John 14:27*).

People: **Jesus our Savior, grant us Your peace.**

Pastor: Jesus told His disciples that He was the true vine and that, abiding in Him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (*John 13:34*).

People: **Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as You love us.**

Pastor: On that same night of His betrayal, the night He would be abandoned by His disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed His disciples’ feet. The next day He would lay down His life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of Himself, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (*Mark 10:45*).

People: **Jesus our Savior, set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.**

(Please be seated or kneel)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, we have not followed our Savior in the way of love and service. We seek to serve ourselves. We want to fulfill our own selfish desires and turn away from the needs of others. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

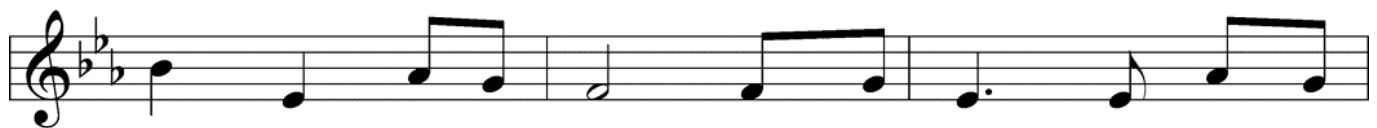
Pastor: God sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve and save us. On the cross Jesus shed His blood to cleanse us from sin. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: **Lead us, Jesus, to walk in Your steps in the way of love and service.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" *Hymn 445*
(vv. 4 & 5)



4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



One with You and one an - oth - er In a
When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the

u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14 (CSB)

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month is to be the beginning of months for you; it is the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they must each select an animal of the flock according to their fathers’ families, one animal per family. ⁴If the household is too small for a whole animal, that person and the neighbor nearest his house are to select one based on the combined number of people; you should apportion the animal according to what each will eat. ⁵You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. ⁷They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them. ⁸They are to eat the meat that night; they should eat it, roasted over the fire along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or cooked in boiling water, but only roasted over fire—its head as well as its legs and inner organs. ¹⁰You must not leave any of it until morning; any part of it left until morning you must burn. ¹¹Here is how you must eat it: You must be dressed for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. You are to eat it in a hurry; it is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²“I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and strike every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. I am the LORD; I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. ¹³The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (CSB)

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. ³¹If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be judged, ³²but when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined, so that we may not be condemned with the world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Lenten Meditation”
(Grace Chorale)

Jay Althouse

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 13:1-17; 34-35 (CSB)

*Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

*People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot’s son, to betray him. ³Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into his hands, that he had come from God, and that he was going back to God. ⁴So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. ⁵Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I’m doing you don’t realize now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸“You will never wash my feet,” Peter said. Jesus replied, “If I don’t wash you, you have no part with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” ¹⁰“One who has bathed,” Jesus told him, “doesn’t need to wash anything except his feet, but he is completely

clean. You are clean, but not all of you.”¹¹ For he knew who would betray him. This is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”¹² When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you?”¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am.¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.¹⁶ “Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them...³⁴ “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

***SERMON HYMN**

“Not All The Blood of Beasts” (vv. 1-4)

Hymn 431

**Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there.**

HOMILY

PRAYERS

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, You gave to Your disciples and to us an example of service, taking up the work of a servant. As You, our Lord and Master, washed the feet of Your disciples, teach us to follow Your example and serve others in love. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: **Set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.**

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, lead us in the power of the Spirit to serve others.

Guide us to opportunities for service in Your name, so that others will see Your love through our words and acts of kindness and compassion.
Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, there are many among us who need our loving service. We ask for Your help and healing for those who are suffering distress and pain, illness and loss. Help us to seek out ways to serve them with compassion and encourage them in hope. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, You did not come to be served but to serve, and to give Your life as a ransom for many. On the cross, You suffered and died to save us, in the greatest act of love and service. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Jesus our Savior, on the night before Your death on the cross, You gave us the gift of Your Holy Supper. As we receive Your body and blood in Holy Communion, we proclaim Your death until You come again. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service. Amen.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***AGNUS DEI**

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Hymn 434

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

(Please be seated)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Take the Bread, Children”
(Grace Chorale)

Carl Schalk

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Hymn 437

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
 Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
 Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Hymn 641

Refrain

*You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. *Refrain.*

With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain.*

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain.*

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain.*

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. *Refrain.*

***BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: May the merciful God, who sent His son to be the life of the world,
enliven you by His living presence, through Jesus Christ to whom be
the glory forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

In this liturgical act, a transition is made from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of His power and glory, is now in the hands of His enemies. Because we are certain of the Easter victory, this symbolic service reminds us of the magnitude of our Savior's love.

Pastor: After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly:

prayer in Gethsemane
betrayal by Judas
arrest, mock trial, painful beating
the trudge to Golgotha and execution

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. The flower vases, which hold the flowers that remind us of God's creation, are now removed. As there were no flowers at the cross of Christ, so we remove the flowers that adorn our Chancel.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Hymn 449

**O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

Pastor: 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 have extinguished our candles and now remove them.

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**

Pastor: 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 commitments and offerings.

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**

Pastor: The missal stand holds the 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.

**Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.**

Pastor: 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 remove the Symbols of this Sacrament.

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.**

Pastor: 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.

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while He nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee;
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.**

*(Because this liturgy flows directly into the Good Friday liturgy,
there is no blessing or postlude.)*

(All leave in silence.)

THE PARTICIPANTS

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Lectors	Fred Aceto, Linda Aceto
Crucifer	Chase Carbone
Greeters	Gale and Carol Seyfert
Ushers	Janice Graydon, Douglas Hall, Carl Rod

The Confirmation class will assist with the stripping of the altar.

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