

THE OPENING HYMN #634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

**5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."**

**6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**

**7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.**

**8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: 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.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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.

THE INTROIT (Psalm 116:13; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-17)

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

P: O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;

C: You have freed me from my chains.

P: I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a remembrance 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 always be demonstrated in our lives, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:1-11 (ESV)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him." Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people.

And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GRADUAL Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9

P: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all

C: by His own blood, having obtained redemption.

P: He is the Mediator of a new covenant,

C: that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P: He provided redemption for His people;

C: He ordained His covenant forever.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

THE VERSE

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,

C: you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 22:7-20 (ESV)

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they

prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

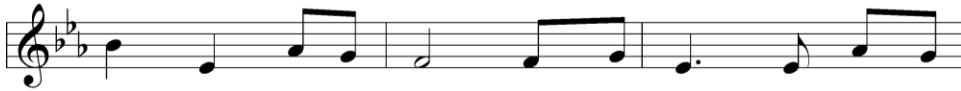
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"



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



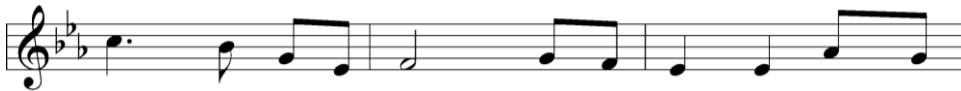
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



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



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



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
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



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."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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THE SERMON “The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us”

Text: John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Luke 22:7-20

(please stand)

THE PRAYERS

P: Holy Father, on this night we remember the Passover of Your ancient people, the children of Abraham, and Your Son's gift of the New Testament in His blood. We implore You to remember us, for we have not treated our brothers and sisters as we ought, even those in Your Church. Forgive us, we implore You, and create in us new and contrite hearts. Wash us, restore us and unite us in the bond of charity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: At Your Son's invitation, we come to His table this night. Help us to discern in the bread His true body and in the cup His true blood. Give us, by Your holy law, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen all of our sister churches throughout the world who celebrate the mystery of Your Son's Passover. Where there is strife, bring forgiveness; where there is suffering, bring help; and where there is persecution, bring joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guard and defend the president of the United States, along with all who are in authority, and all who serve in our Armed Forces. Renew in our land reverence for life, respect for family and good regard for our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Remember, Lord, all who suffer in body or soul. Most especially do we implore Your blessing on those whom we name in our hearts. *[silent prayer]* Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As Your Son took on the form of servant, so make us ready to serve our neighbors ahead of ourselves. Teach us to love each other and bear one another's burdens, and conform us to the image of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, You have bought us with Your holy, precious blood, and by Your innocent suffering and death redeemed us. We are not worthy of the mercy and truth You have shown us. By this gift strengthen us; to You will we live, to You will we die and Yours will we be forever, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE HYMN #638 "Eat This Bread" (Congregation sings the refrain) (Soloist: Kent Bornhoft)



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

- 1) This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. *Refrain:*
- 2) As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you show His death until He comes again. *Refrain:*
- 3) Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. *Refrain:*
- 4) Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Refrain:*
- 5) If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. *Refrain:*

(please stand)

THE PREFACE (responses are sung) (page 160 in the hymnal)

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: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth . . . To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD *(page 163 in the hymnal)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,

2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,

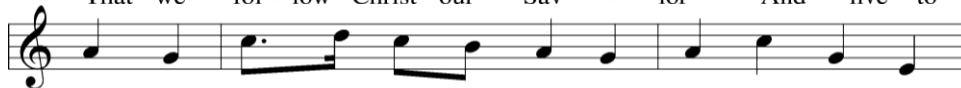
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy

Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er

That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that

love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -

geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!

of re - mind - us! O Lord, have mer - cy!

blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our

Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy

Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead

blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;

heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

#619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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#423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

(please stand)

THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness . . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

(please be seated)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is chanted at this time. The text of the Psalm is printed on the next page.

The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday worship services. This act is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldier's hands. Psalm 22 rehearses that and other themes of the Passion. No other Psalm pointed beyond itself so fully in a prophetic manner to the circumstances of Jesus at His arrest and crucifixion.

Following the stripping of the altar and the chanting of Psalm 22, the congregation is asked to leave in humble silence.

Psalm 22 (ESV)

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ 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;
- ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet--
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³ 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!
- ²⁴ 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.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ 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.
- ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.