

The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7:00 P.M. – (LIVESTREAM)**

*For the Forgiveness of Sins*

Maundy Thursday. The Upper Room. Jesus and His disciples. The Passover Meal. A New Meal. His Meal. His Supper. The Lord's Supper. A New Covenant. A New Lamb's blood will be shed. Take Eat. Take Drink. For you. For the forgiveness of sins.

Today's worship is simplified with restrained joy, and begins the three-day journey from death to life. There is no Benediction spoken at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service. The Benediction spoken on Easter Sunday concludes all the services of the Three Days.

Come. Let us worship Him who went to the upper room to meet His disciples during His Last Supper. Here He gives Himself to them. Here He promises Himself to you. Come.



## **THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

### **ADDRESS, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION**

Join God's people over the centuries in preparing your hearts and minds to confess your sins and receive His absolution, and for the day when you will receive the Lord's Supper, by joining in Luther's Small Catechism Questions and Answers.

## **1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?**

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

## **2. How do you know this?**

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

## **3. Are you sorry for your sins?**

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

## **4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?**

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.

## **5. Do you hope to be saved?**

Yes, that is my hope.

## **6. In whom then do you trust?**

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

## **7. Who is Christ?**

The Son of God, true God and man.

## **8. How many Gods are there?**

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?**

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

## **10. Did the Father also die for you?**

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

## **11. How do you know this?**

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

## **12. What are the words of institution?**

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."

## **13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?**

Yes, I believe it.

## **14. What convinces you to believe this?**

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

## **15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?**

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## **16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?**

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

## **17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?**

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

## **18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?**

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

## **19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?**

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

## **20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?**

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

*Note:* These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

Let us therefore confess our sins, imploring God our Father for Jesus' sake, to grant us forgiveness.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve 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.**

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**Amen.**

Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**Yes.**

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace. *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, in the 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 in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

### *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 24:3-11*

**M**oses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

This is the Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING***Hebrews 9:11–22*

**B**ut when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**DUET***WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING*

When You woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin’s wages:  
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them  
That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
What last will and testament?  
“Show Me and the world you love Me,  
Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
Eat this body, drink this blood.”

One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**    *St. Matthew 26*

**N**ow on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN**

*The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

His Word proclaims and we believe  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

## **SERMON**

**“FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS”**      *(MATTHEW 26:28)*

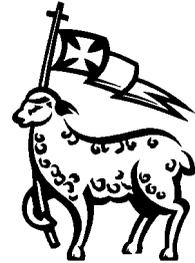
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## **PRAYER**

## HYMN

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*  
A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
“All this I gladly suffer.”



*There is no benediction, as our worship continues on Good Friday.*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*In this ancient ceremony, the communion vessels, the lectionary Bible, the altar cross, the missal stand, altar candles, altar paraments, pulpit and lectern paraments, chancel candles, and flowers are removed. This represents the depth of our Lord's servanthood, His being falsely tried, mocked, beaten, stripped, and crucified.*

*Our worship and meditation concludes with the Stripping of the Altar as we begin to focus on the events of Good Friday.*



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## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

1:30pm – (Livestream)

## EASTER MORNING SERVICE

6:00am – Special Sunrise Greeting

9:00am – (Livestream)



“Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. *Matthew 26:28*



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