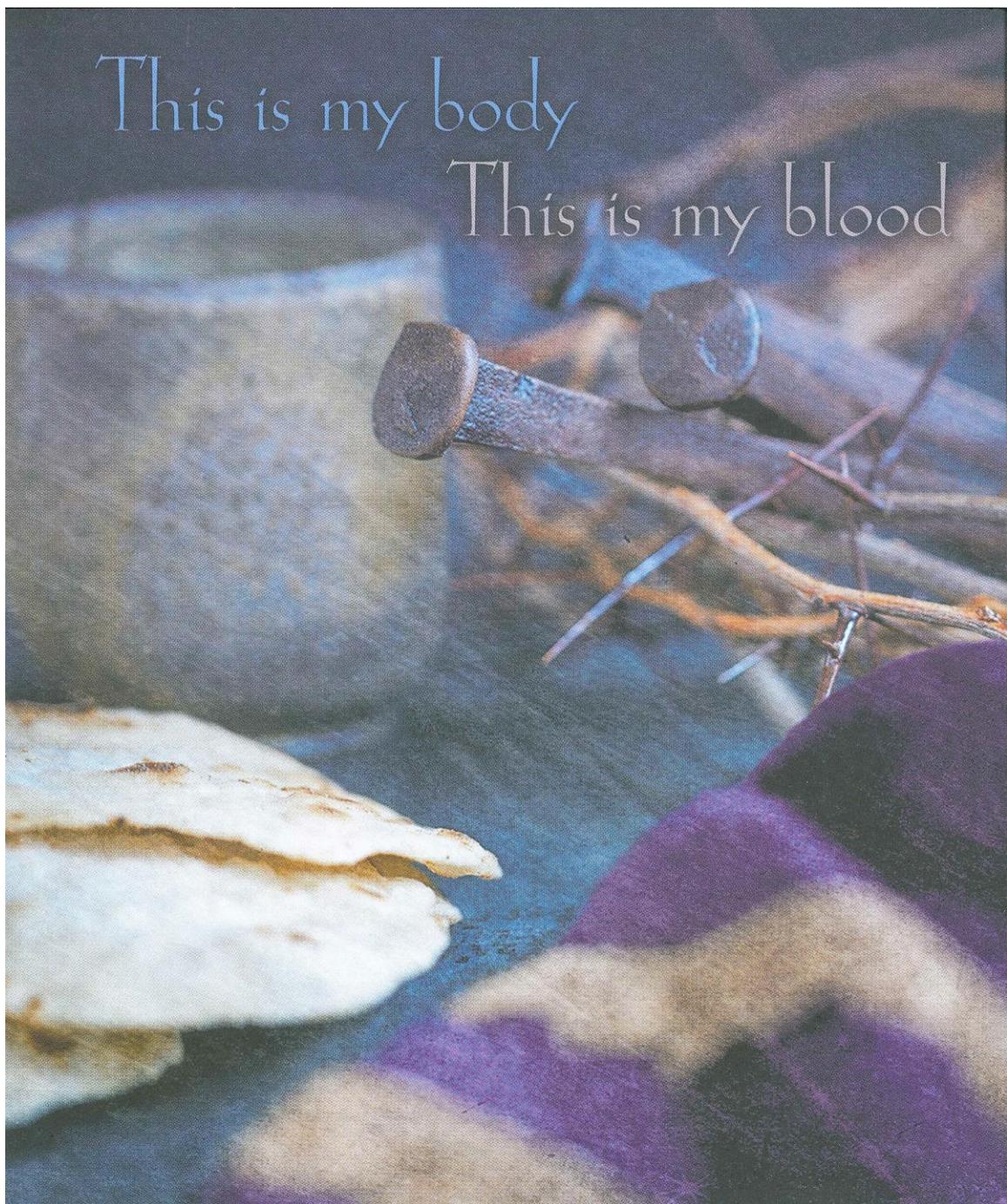


This is my body

This is my blood



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Welcome to the House of the Lord

As part of our Holy Week worship, we observe, in part, an ancient custom of the early Christian Church. Beginning with the evening worship on Maundy Thursday and continuing through Sunday's Sunrise Easter Vigil, these services were considered to be one service and called the Triduum (The Three Days). Even though people go home to rest and carry out their necessary responsibilities, they are encouraged to remember that, at least in spirit, they are still worshiping and remembering the events of Holy Week. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the service continues for two more days. The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. It is taken from Jesus' words to the disciples in John 13:34, "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." Today, we remember the first Passover meal and celebrate the meal that was given to us when Jesus celebrated Passover—on the night when He was betrayed.



Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life, and resurrection. The Lord is near to those who call on Him.

Oh, come, let us worship Him.

Confession and Absolution

God's people, the Israelites, celebrated Passover for the first time on this night when the angel of death punished the Egyptians and Pharaoh by killing the firstborn in every household, because Pharaoh was guilty of placing himself above God. After this, the Israelites were set free. On this night when Jesus was betrayed, He celebrated this same

Passover meal with His disciples. It was on this night that our Lord would begin His march to the cross to die for the sins of the world. We are the sinners for whom Jesus died, as Romans 6:23 reminds us:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Heavenly Father, we confess that our sins make us worthy of death. There are times when we place our desires above You, O Lord. There are times when we mistreat or betray others and times when we fail to step in when others are being betrayed or mistreated. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silence is observed for private confession to God.)

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.

Responsory

Prepare a Room for Me (tune: Southwell)

This room we have prepared;
The table now is set.
We wait Your promised presence, Lord,
Where we once more are met.

Where even two or three
Have come the Meal to share,
Unseen, but living, loving still,
I surely will be there!

Prayer of the Day

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

Amen.

Old Testament Readings

First Reading — Exodus 12:1–14

(In the simple meal of the Passover, the Israelites passed under the angelic destroyer from death.)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male, a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

634 (1–3)

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Second Reading — Jeremiah 31:31–34

(God promises to make a new covenant with His people.)

The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

634 (4-6)

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Epistle Reading — Hebrews 10:15-25

(We can approach God in confidence because of what Jesus has done for us.)

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

"Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them,

"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said,

"Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 634 (7–8) *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

Sermon “**The Last Supper – A New Meal for the people of God**”

Offering

Hymn *Prepare a Room for Me*

"Lord Christ, we seek the food
Your grace alone can give.
We come with empty, hung'ring hearts
That we may eat and live."

"My promise I will keep;
Your hunger will be fed,
For in this Meal I offer you
Myself, the living bread!"

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Prayer

(from "The Didache, 2nd Century writings on the Teachings of the Twelve Apostles)

We thank You, Holy Father, for Your name which You enshrined in our hearts. We thank You for the knowledge and faith and immortality which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus. To You be glory forever.

Almighty Ruler, You created all things for the sake of Your name; You gave us food and drink to enjoy through Jesus Your servant with spiritual food and drink as well as with eternal life. Above all we thank You because You are mighty. To You be glory forever.

Remember, Lord, Your Church and deliver her from all evil. Perfect her in Your love; and, once she has been sanctified, gather her together from the four winds into the kingdom which You have prepared for her. For power and glory are Yours forever.

May grace come and this world pass away! Hosanna to the God of David. If any are holy, let them come. If any are not, let them repent. Amen.

The 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.

Words of Institution

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Hymn

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 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 reign'd o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*The 10:00am service ends here, without a benediction, and continues on Good Friday.
All leave in silence.*

*The 7:00pm service continues with the Stripping of the Altar in preparation for
Good Friday. There is no benediction, as our worship continues on Holy Friday.
All leave in silence.*

Stripping of the Altar

In this ancient ceremony, the paraments are removed from the altar, lectern, and pulpit as Psalm 22 is chanted or spoken. This symbolizes our Lord in the hands of His enemies and stripped of His honor.

Psalm 22

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.

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.

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 with in 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;
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!
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.
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.



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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

1:30pm

7:00pm

EASTER MORNING SERVICES

with Holy Communion

Sunrise Service 6:00am

Festival Worship 8:00am

Festival Worship 10:15am

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.