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**HYMN: THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD**

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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  
5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment  
sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly  
sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,  
fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
for us 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.  
for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

6 Oh, blest is each believing guest  
Who in this promise finds his rest,  
For Jesus will in love abide  
With those who do in him confide.

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

7 The guest that comes with true intent  
To turn to God and to repent,  
To live for Christ, to die to sin,  
Will thus a holy life begin.

9 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your supper and in you find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

*Remain seated*

### **SERMON ON JOHN 13:1-5, 12-17**

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

*Stand*

### **INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT**

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C:** **Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.  
In what I have done and left undone,  
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.  
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins.  
I repent of them.  
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

### *Silence for meditation*

**M:** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C:** **Cleanse me from my sins.  
Release me from my guilt.  
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

**M:** The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## EXHORTATION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**C:** **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

*Refrain*



M: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.  
C: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

M: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.  
C: **The Lord protects the simplehearted;  
when I was in great need, he saved me.**

M: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.  
C: **For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,  
that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

M: How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?  
C: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

C: **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.**

*REFRAIN*

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:16, 17**

<sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**C: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*Stand*

### Mark 14:12-26

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup> While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup> They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

<sup>20</sup> "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

<sup>23</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup> "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. <sup>25</sup> "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**M: This is the gospel of our Lord.**

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken                      7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 That this food is to be taken                                  Unto us such food has given  
 By the souls who are distressed,                              And, to mend what we have done,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.                      Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*,  
 Wittenberg, 1535, alt.



## THE GREAT LITANY

### PRAYER OF APPROACH TO GOD

- M:** O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,  
**C:** **Have mercy on us.**

### PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

- M:** Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.  
**C:** **Spare us, good Lord.**
- M:** From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- M:** From deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- M:** From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- M:** From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying unprepared,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

### PRAYER RECALLING CHRIST'S SAVING WORK

- M:** By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- M:** By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- M:** By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**M:** In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

**C:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**M:** Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

**M:** Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

**M:** Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE**

**M:** To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Help all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M:** Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

**C:** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**M:** Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

**C:** **Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

**M:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C:** **Have mercy on us.**

**M:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C:** **Have mercy on us.**

**M:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C:** **Grant us peace.**

**M:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Christ, have mercy on us.**

**M:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

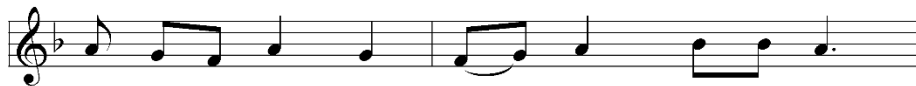
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *Angus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Please exit your pew from the right as you come forward for communion. Six communicants will come to the railing at a time (3 on the left railing; 3 on the right). Please stand in front of the first pew until the bread and wine are at the railing. Exit the railing to your left and dispose of the cups.*

## THANKSGIVING

*Stand*

### SONG OF SIMEON - *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

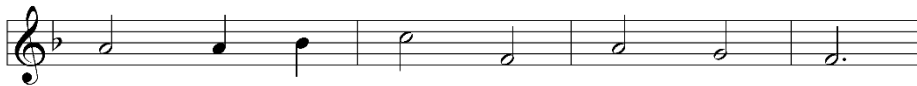
# HYMN: 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

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*During the hymn the Communion vessels are removed to the sacristy. The altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. After the hymn, the congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.*



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night  
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,  
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;  
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose  
He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."  
In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;  
We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,  
What love through all his ac - tions ran!  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord  
Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.  
What won - drous words of grace he spoke!  
" 'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."  
The love of your de - part - ed Lord."  
The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.