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Maundy Thursday



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***HYMN: COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN***

***394***

*Remain seated*

**Sermon on Luke 22:47, 48**

**While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”**

*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

### Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
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.

<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people 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.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘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.”

116C I Will Walk in the Presence of God *Psalm 116C*

Verses



- 1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
- 2 In the cords of my death, I was tan - gled round:
- 3 God is mer - cy and grace and the sim - ple are blest:
- 4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
- 5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?



I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.



- 1 God has heard my dis - tress, and I shall not die:
- 2 Those who seek you in an - guish shall not be bound:
- 3 Raised me up in my pain, God my safe - ty and rest:
- 4 God has dried all my tears and re - newed my breath:
- 5 Lift the cup of sal - va - tion and praise your name:



I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.  
I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of God



in the land, in the land of the liv - ing.



For the love of the One who has heard my cry:



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

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## **Hebrews 10:15–25**

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

<sup>16</sup>“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.”

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts  
I will remember no more.”

<sup>18</sup>And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **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*

## **Luke 22:7–20**

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

<sup>9</sup>“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

<sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>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?’ <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

<sup>13</sup>They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>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.”

<sup>20</sup>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.

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

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

*Be seated*

## 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.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

**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**

*We will not sing a hymn during the Lord's Supper this evening.*

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: WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING***

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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.*