

RETURN  
to the  
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*Holy Thursday*

*April 1, 2021*

*5:00pm & 7:00pm*

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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# *HOLY THURSDAY*

## *RETURN TO THE TABLE*

### **AS WE GATHER**

On this night known in the Church as Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to join Him once again at His Table. He knows our need for strengthening and reassurance. The place in which we gather is filled with the blessing of fellowship as we remember the new command of our Lord Jesus to love one another. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Time and again we are invited to return to the Table, where truly we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** on Maundy Thursday is a highly vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment our Lord experienced on that long night in Gethsemane. This practice dates from the seventh century and began for the utilitarian purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation for Easter. But the stark, bare church reflected so clearly the fitting tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. As candlesticks, missal stands, altar cloths, banners and all other sanctuary furnishings are quietly removed from the sanctuary; the visual aspect of the sanctuary is changed and remains stark and tomb-like until Easter morning. During worship this evening, the stripping of the altar will take place progressively throughout the service, symbolizing the growing loneliness experienced by Jesus as the hour grew closer to His crucifixion.

### **PRELUDE**

*When You Woke That Thursday Morning*

*J. Wayne Kerr*

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING ANTHEM**

*There Is A Redeemer*

*Melody Green*

**Soloist: Fred Gruhn**

*Stand*

### **INVOCATION**

*(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**C** Amen.

## PART 1: Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples

Luke 22 and John 13

### Luke 22:7-13

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup>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 <sup>11</sup>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?' <sup>12</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup>And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

### John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## HYMN

*Jesus, Greatest at the Table*

LSB 446

1. **Jesus, greatest at the table,  
The almighty Son of Man,  
Laid aside His outer clothing,  
Poured some water in a pan;  
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,  
He the servant's task began.**
2. **Marvel how their Lord and teacher  
Gently taught them not to vie  
As He humbly knelt before them,  
Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
By His tender touch expressing  
True compassion from on high.**
3. **Jesus took the role of servant  
When upon that gruesome span,  
For all human sin He suffered  
As a vile and loathsome man;  
On the cross poured out like water  
To fulfill the Father's plan.**
4. **Can we fathom such deep mercy?  
Do we see what God has done?  
Who can grasp this great reversal:  
Love that gives His only Son?  
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,  
For the many dies the One.**
5. **Jesus gave to His disciples  
A commandment that was new:  
"Show My love to one another,  
Do as I have done for you;  
All the world will know you love Me  
As you love each other too."**

### **The flowers and plants are removed.**

*Jesus knew His betrayer and what lay ahead. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.*

*Stand*

## **PART 2: The Upper Room – The Lord's Supper**

**Matthew 26 and John 13**

### **Matthew 26:21-25**

<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."

### **John 13:26b-30**

<sup>26</sup>"So when [Jesus] had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup>Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

### **Matthew 26:26-30**

<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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

### **HYMN**

*When You Woke That Thursday Morning*  
LSB 445

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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."**
- 4. One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev'ry place and time.**

5. **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.**

*Stand*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Based on Psalm 51*

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
**C** **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
**C** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**
- P** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,  
**C** **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**C** **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
**C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**C** **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

*(Silence to confess those sins we know and feel in our hearts)*

- P** Let us then confess our sins together to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.  
**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy .... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## The candles are extinguished and removed.

*Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.*

### ANTHEM

**Go To Dark Gethsemane**

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**Beata Bells**

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

*Stand*

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*  
**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*  
**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Tune: LSB 592**

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| <p>1. Holy, holy, holy Lord,<br/>Heav'n and earth proclaim the story<br/>Of Your majesty adored<br/>Of Your kingdom, pow'r and glory<br/>With hosannas now we meet You<br/>With our palms and praises greet You</p> | <p>2. Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He<br/>Who in God's own name draws near us!<br/>Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we<br/>Since we have God's love to cheer us:<br/>Blood outpoured and body broken,<br/>Of eternal love the token.</p> |
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### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**G** **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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI ~ ~ (Latin: Lamb of God)

Tune: LSB 449

**O Lamb of God, once lifted upon the cursed tree,  
O Lamb of God, once offered in sacrifice for me,  
O Lamb of God, my Savior in my place crucified,  
Your peace and mercy grant me. My Savior will provide.**

*Sit*

### DISTRIBUTION

**VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.**

#### **Personal Examination Before Communing**

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

#### **Instructions for Communing**

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When finished, reverence the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

**Non-alcoholic white wine** is located in the center of each tray and should be used only by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

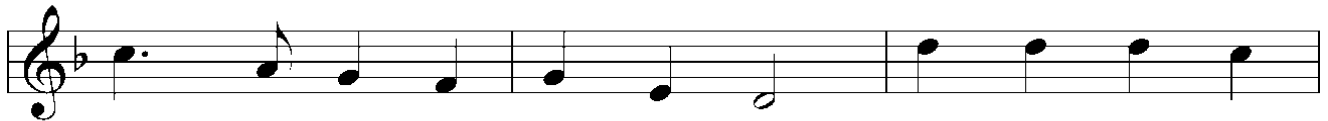
LSB 454



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

# COMMUNION HYMN

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



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

*Stand*

## THE DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Sit*

### **The communion vessels are removed.**

*Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us, so we remove the elements and vessels of this sacrament.*

## HYMN

## Break Your Hearts

Lisa M. Clark/ Jonathan Kohrs



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,  
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.  
3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.  
It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:  
E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern  
While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn  
When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.  
Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.  
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

## THE SERMON

## Return to the Table

Vicar Luke Elowsky

Stand

### Part 3: Jesus In The Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:31-46

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'<sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."<sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."<sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.<sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."<sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will,

but as you will.”<sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?”<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”<sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”<sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.<sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

## **HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

**LSB 436 vv. 1-3**

1. **Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
2. **Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**
3. **Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time  
God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

*Stand*

## **Part 4: Jesus Betrayed and Arrested**

**Matthew 26:47-56**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then

should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

***O Lord, Hear My Prayer***

LSB 780



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

**P** Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples' feet. May each of us fervently desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Lord in Your mercy:

**C** ***Sing as above.***

**P** On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. Sustain our unity in confession and doctrine that the Church may stand as a beacon of Your eternal truth. Lord in Your mercy:

**C** ***Sing as above.***

**P** On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know that the Father had sent Him into the world to be the Light of the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer. Lord in Your mercy:

**C** ***Sing as above.***

**P** On this night, our Lord keeps us mindful that the Father's love was sufficient for His only-begotten Son and for all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ Jesus, our Lamb without defect, ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death. By Your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of Your enormous, unchanging love for us. Lord in Your mercy:

**C** ***Sing as above.***

**P** On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Lord in Your mercy:

**C** *Sing as above.*

**P** On this night, we give thanks that our Lord Jesus has come to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion giving forgiveness, life, and salvation and strengthening our faith to trust in Him and serve in His kingdom. Help us to live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** *Sing as above.*

*Stand*

## **PART 5: Jesus before Caiaphas and the Council**

**Matthew 26:57-68**

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

### **The offerings, missal stand, and service books are removed.**

*Our offerings represent one way of worshipping God and serving others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the Offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.*

*The missal stand holds the worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.*



Stand

## Part 6: Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

Sit

### The altar cloths and Paraments are removed.

*Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and Paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.*

## PSALM 22

*(This Psalm is a prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion and death.  
The Psalm is chanted as the stripping of the altar is finished.  
You are invited to meditate on the words.)*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me,  
from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my  
God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>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;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild  
oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>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!

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>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.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming  
generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a  
people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

## ***The Benediction is omitted as our service continues on Good Friday and Holy Saturday***

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Soloist ..... Fred Gruhn  
Acolytes ..... Walter Schlef & Maksim Schlef  
Altar Guild ..... Carol Brandt, Nancy DeLaney

**Good Friday** - 500pm and 700pm

**Easter Vigil** WITHOUT Holy Communion at 6pm

**Easter Sunrise** at 630am

**Easter** 800, 930, 1100 –

Parking lot communion with the 11 am service – about 1145 am



**Holy Thursday**

