# Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021

# Divine Service, Setting Three LSB 184





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# Confession and Absolution

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- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- **C** to God my exceeding joy.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Sit

Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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- O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- **P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
- 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.
- C Amen.
- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, 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.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*

my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*

I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:\*

"O LORD, I pray, deliv- er my soul!"

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

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.



You may be seated.

Old Testament Exodus 24:3–11

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the

blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8* 

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\* thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

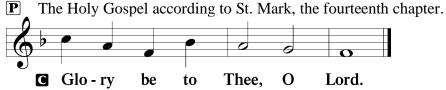
Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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Holy Gospel Mark 14:12–26



<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For 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>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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



## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

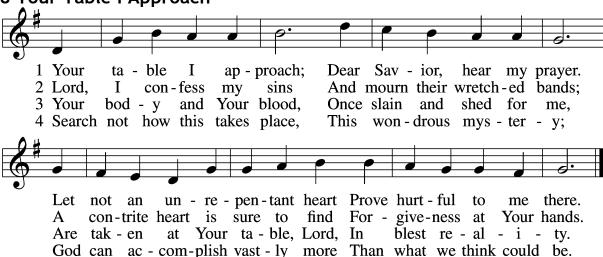
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated for our sermon hymn.





- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
  That earth and hell combined
  May not about this sacrament
  Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
  To thank You day and night
  For Your true body and true blood,
  O God, my peace and light.

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# Sermon "God Invites You Into a Joyous Feast at His Table"

#### Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

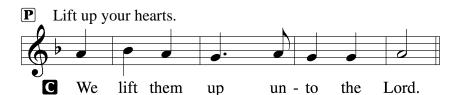
## **Prayer Response**

- **A** In prayer,
- **C** we return to You, O Lord.

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194





**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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

## **Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

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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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

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



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## **Distribution**



with fear 1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And and King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on

3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



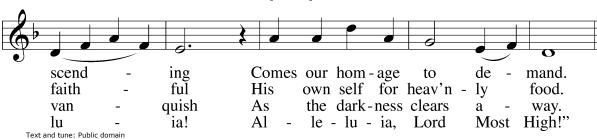
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For with bless-ing in His hand Ch In the bod - y and the blood, He From the realms of end - less day, Co As with cease-less voice they cry: "A

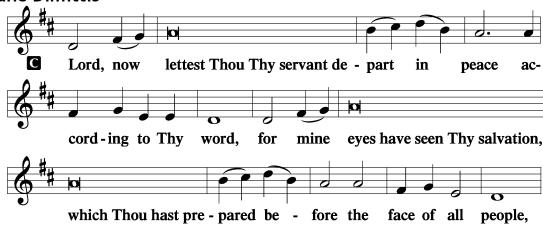
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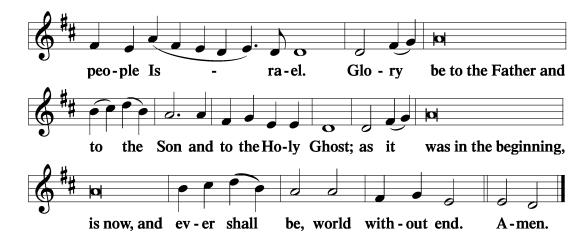


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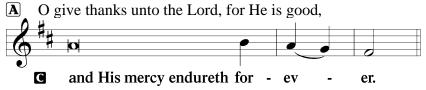


a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

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Thanksgiving LSB 200



## **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

**Stripping of the Altar** – This ceremony symbolizes the stripping of Jesus by his captors (both of His clothing and of His honor) as well as the abandonment by His disciples. As the altar is "stripped" of its appointments (candles, vessels, linens, etc.) and other ornaments removed from the sanctuary, the congregation will pray Psalm 22. At the conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar, all leave the church in silence.

#### Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*
and by night, but I | find no rest.
³Yet you are | holy,\*
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
⁴In you our fathers | trusted;\*
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
⁵To you they cried and were | rescued;\*
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
⁶But 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;

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8"He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
  let him rescue him, for he de- | lights 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 en- | compass me;*
  strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
13they 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 en- | compass 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 a- | mong 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, glo- | rify 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 congre- | gation;*
  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 for- | ever!
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- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*
  and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
  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 him- | self alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- ation;

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

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