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## **Triduum**



**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Hymn: #135 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

# 135 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



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.

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| <p>6 Oh, blest is each believing guest<br/>         Who in this promise finds his rest,<br/>         For Jesus will in love abide<br/>         With those who do in him confide.</p> | <p>8 They who his Word do not believe<br/>         This food unworthily receive,<br/>         Salvation here will never find—<br/>         May we this warning keep in mind!</p> |
| <p>7 The guest that comes with true intent<br/>         To turn to God and to repent,<br/>         To live for Christ, to die to sin,<br/>         Will thus a holy life begin.</p>  | <p>9 Help us sincerely to believe<br/>         That we may worthily receive<br/>         Your supper and in you find rest.<br/>         Amen! They who believe are blest.</p>    |

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.  
 Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

## SERMON: God on Trial: Respite

Sermon Text: **Luke 22:7-20**

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

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

***REMAIN SEATED***

**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.

**STAND**

**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***

**Kyrie Eleison** (choir sings) *“Ein einfacher Kyrieruf”* 2009  
*Christoph Dalitz b. 1990*

*Latin: Unus: Kyrie eleison. Omnes: Kyrie eleison.*

*Unus: Christe eleison. Omnes: Chrste eleison.*

*Unus: Kyrie eleison. Omnes: Kryie eleison.*

English: Soloist: Lord have mercy. All: **Repeat.**

Soloist: Christ have mercy. All: **Repeat.**

Soloist: Lord have mercy. All: **Repeat.**

**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.**

***The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:***

**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 and ordained 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.

**M and 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:** Let us pray.

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 the 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.**

*BE SEATED*

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 12:1-14

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup> “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is



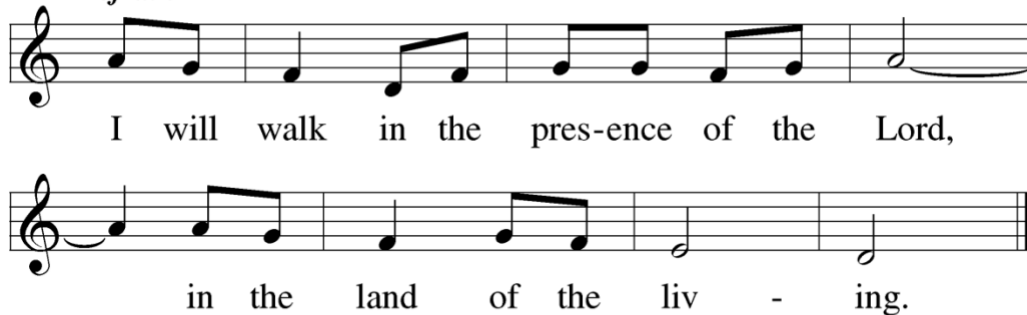
the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

## PSALM 116

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### *Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

### *Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me. ***Refrain***

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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:*** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**SECOND LESSON:** 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.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist)

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

**STAND**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 14:12-26

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his 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.

**BE SEATED**

# CHIEF HYMN: #313 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

HOLY COMMUNION

## 313

## Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



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  
That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
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 auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

## THE GREAT LITANY

### *Prayer of Approach to God*

**M:** O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**M:** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**M:** O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**M:** 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 all 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 suddenly and 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, Joseph R. Biden Jr, 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:** Come to the help of 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.**

**M:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

**STAND**



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to 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, BWV 325) Choir sings. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 – 1750. Public Domain.



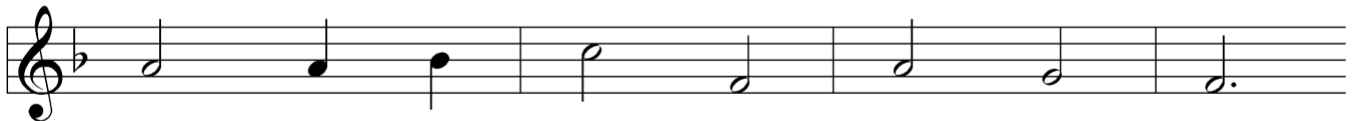
# THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND THE CLOSING HYMN: #136 “ ’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night”

MAUNDY THURSDAY

## 136      ’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night



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.

Officiant: Pastor Paul Schaefer  
Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland  
Accompanist: Julie Webber    Cantors: Jim Cutler, Senior Choir

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

- Friday            - 1:00 PM Good Friday Service of Meditation on  
                          the Cross of Christ
- Saturday        - 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Divine Service
- Sunday          - 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Divine Service  
                          - 8:15 AM Easter Breakfast  
                          - 9:30 AM Easter Festival Divine Service

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