

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Service of Prayer and Preaching**

APRIL 1, 2021

**Opening Hymn:** 435 ss 1-4

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

**Opening Versicles**

PASTOR: This is the day which the Lord has made;

CONG..... let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PASTOR: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

CONG..... the name of the Lord is to be praised.

PASTOR: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious  
and merciful,

CONG..... slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and repents of evil.

PASTOR: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

CONG..... let him deny himself and take up his cross and  
follow Me.

PASTOR: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

CONG..... He was bruised for our iniquities.

PASTOR: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

CONG..... the name of the Lord is to be praised.

ALL: 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.

**Choir:** "The Lamb" 547 ss. 1-4

1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

3. The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4. He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

### **Reading From Holy Scripture** EXODUS 12:1-14

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

3 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.

4 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.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

6 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.

7 “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.

8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

14 “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.

### **Responsory**

PASTOR: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**CONG**..... He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

PASTOR: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**CONG**..... He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

PASTOR: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**CONG**..... He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

### **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.

## Luther's Small Catechism

### *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.

### *Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

### *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

### *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

### *Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

## Sermon Hymn: 431 ss. 1-5

1. Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.
2. But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.
3. My faith would lay its hand On that dear head, of Thine  
While as a penitent I stand And there confess my sin.
4. My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree I know my guilt was there.
5. Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.

**Sermon:** "Lamb of God . . . Grant Us Peace!" EX. 12:1-14

## Choir: "Lamb of God" 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

## Prayer

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy.

PASTOR: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

CONG..... Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

PASTOR: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONG..... Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 575 ss. 1-4

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,

Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **Blessing**

PASTOR: Let us bless the Lord.

CONG..... Thanks be to God.

PASTOR: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

CONG..... Amen.

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