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Maundy Thursday

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Due to the solemn celebration of this week, there is no Prelude, Musical Offering, and Postlude. Only hymns are accompanied. Our worship concludes with the stripping of the altar. Today marks the first of the three holy days called the Triduum. Therefore at the end of our worship the Benediction is omitted.

The Congregation gathers in silence.

Proclamation of the Word

“It’s Not About You or Is It?”

Mark 14:17–25

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Processional Hymn

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

A Time of Silence

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.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Amen.

Kyrie

O Lord,

Have mercy on us.

O Christ,

Have mercy on us.

O Lord,

Have mercy on us.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, in this wonderful Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we who can never repay You for Your mercy may be blessed as we eat with You in Your kingdom; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3–11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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.” ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God and ate and drank.

O Lord,

Have mercy upon us.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

¹⁶The 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? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

O Lord,

Have mercy upon us.

Gradual Hymn

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

♪ On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

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The Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

♪ Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, ‘tis He, ‘tis He!
‘Tis the long-expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: ‘Tis the true and faithful Word.

♪ Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro’ fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

♪ Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

♪ Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

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Offering

Apostles' Creed

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn

Music: "On my Heart Imprint Your Image," Hymn 422

♪ Holy, holy, holy Jesus, Blessed Lord and King of all.

In Your pow'r and might come free us From the devil's lies and thrall.

Let our proclamation be Sweet hosannas unto Thee.

As we journey through Lent's wasteland, Hold us in Your scarred, yet graced hand.

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Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei Hymn

Music: "On my Heart Imprint Your Image," Hymn 422

♪ Lamb of God, for sinners given, In Your nail-pierced hands is balm.

Lamb of God, for sinners riven, In Your cross is peace and calm.

Let this proclamation rise: "I am baptized into Christ,"

Is my ward and my protection, And my death and resurrection.

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Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

♪ I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

~Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

♪ Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see

Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. ~Lord,...

♪ Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art. ~Lord,...

♪ Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. ~Lord,...

♪ What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. ~Lord,....

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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken 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 delivered 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.

⁷All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹Be not far from me,

for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,

and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;

it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs encompass me;

a company of evildoers encircles me;

they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count all my bones—

they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments among them,

and for my clothing they cast lots.

- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴For 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.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹All 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.
- ³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

The Benediction is omitted. All leave in silence.

Our worship continues tomorrow evening (Good Friday).