

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION (LSB 184)

FOR HOLY THURSDAY, April 9, 2020



“Triduum: The Three-Day Vigil”

Today we begin what is known in the historic Christian Church as the “three day paschal” service. The services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are conceived as a single service over three days of intense contemplation, focusing on the “New Testament” in the blood of Christ which God has established for us on Calvary’s cross. Therefore, the Benediction, which normally ends our services, is ordinarily postponed until the end of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Due to the unusual circumstances of this year, the Benediction will be spoken at the Easter Festival Service on Sunday.



Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

+ The Office of Confession of Sins 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

Introit of the Day



*Antiphon: Gracious is the LORD, and | right-__eous; || our | God is mer- ci- | ful.
|| The LORD preserves the | sim-__ple; || when I was brought | low, he
saved__ | me.*

**Verse 1: I | love the LORD, || because he has heard my voice and my | pleas for
mer-__ | cy. || Because he inclined his | ear to me, || therefore I will
call on him | as long as I | live.**

**Verse 2: The snares of death en- | com- passed me; || the pangs of Sheol laid hold
on me; I suffered dis- | tress and an-__ | guish. || Then I called on the name
| of the LORD: || “O LORD, I | pray, de- •liver• my | soul!”**

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Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

1. *Glory be to God on high:* And on earth . . . peace good will • toward • men
2. We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,
bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great • glory. •

3. O Lord God, heav'n- ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al-___ • mighty, •
4. O Lord, the only- O Lord God,
begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son___ of the • Father, •

5. That takest away the . . sin • of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on ___ us.
6. Thou that takest
away the sin • of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our • prayer •
7. Thou that sittest at
the right hand of God the • Father, • have mercy up - - - - - on ___ us.

8. For Thou • only • art • holy • Thou on - - ly art the Lord.
9. Thou, only, O art most
Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | • glory • of God the • Father. • A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for Holy Thursday: *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.*

A ——— men!

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1-14
[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Tract



[Lit.] *Having loved his own who were | in the world, || he | •loved• them to the | end.*

All: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places by means of | his own blood, || thus securing an e- | •ternal• re- demp-__ | tion. || Therefore he is the mediator of a new | cov- e- nant, || so that those who are called may receive the promised e- | •ternal• in- her- i- | tance.

Holy Gospel St. John 13:1-17, 31b-35

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The 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.

Hymn of the Day O Lord We Praise Thee Burgundy Hymn 617

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: ...

[After each petition]: *Lord, in Your mercy:* Hear our prayer.

[After the final petition]: *..., one God, now and forever* Amen.

The 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.

Collect for the Word or for the Church ... now and forever.



A ——— men.

**The Stripping of the Altar:
A Meditation on the Humiliation, Suffering and Death of Our Lord**

A. The Suffering - Psalm 22:1-10

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distresses? ²O my God, I cry in the daytime but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest. ³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel. ⁴Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads saying: ⁸“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast. ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

B. The Crucifixion - Psalm 22:11-20

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are a joint of meat; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evil-doers circle around me. They pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

¹⁷They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. ¹⁸Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength, hasten to help me. ¹⁹Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. ²⁰Save me from the lion’s mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

C. The Proclamation - Psalm 22:21-30

²¹I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. ²²Praise the Lord, all you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line give glory. ²³For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the Afflicted One; and he has not hid his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him; “May your heart live forever!” ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. ²⁷For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. ²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord’s forever. ³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Participants depart in silence.

The Triduum recesses until tomorrow evening, Good Friday.

Readings for Holy Thursday

The Old Testament Reading is Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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.

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

“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.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the

Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

The Gospel is John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 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." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 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. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ...

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 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.' 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hymn for Holy Thursday

LSB617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary
That our sins and sorrow did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear and need:
O Lord, have mercy!
2. Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!
3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blessed Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Preaching with Partaking: Both Preach Christ

Christ has ordained that when we come together each one shall take of the bread and the cup, and afterwards preach of him. Why? For we are to give this to no one except those who are Christians and who have heard Christ preached beforehand. But the preaching or proclamation is intended for everyone in general, even for those who are not yet Christians. The Christians alone are to partake of the sacrament, but at the same time they are to take thought that their number may increase.

Therefore one should shout it out publicly and hold such public commemoration, that even those who do not yet know of it will attend. That they hold such commemoration privately is worthless. It should take place publicly before the congregation, and there should be preaching at the mass at all times. Therefore the words: “Do this in remembrance of me” are as much as to say: “As often as you do this, preach of me,” as Paul interprets it in I Cor. 11 [:26], when he calls it “proclaiming the death of Christ.” He uses the word, “proclaim,” in order to show that it is not to be done privately, only among Christians who know of it beforehand and who stand in need, not of proclamation, but only of admonition. Rather it is to be done publicly before the multitude, for those who do not know of it. Thus both “remembrance” and “proclamation” mean nothing else than the preaching of him publicly, as is done in all sermons.

Luther's Works, 36:349.