

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. Communion Service

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during communion services. Please speak to the pastor before service if you wish to receive the host in this form.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to the service before receiving the Lord's Supper.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision: Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.



AS WE GATHER TODAY

Sin gets heavy. Sin can be embarrassing. We try to ignore it, cover it up, or pretend it doesn't exist. None of those things get rid of our sin or its weight on us. God doesn't minimize, excuse, or relativize sin. He places our sin on Jesus and nails it to a cross. God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. As we come to our Lord's Table tonight, God freely forgives us through the body and blood of Christ that comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine.

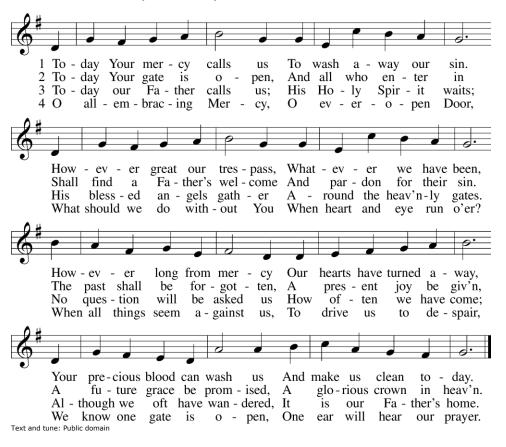
MAUNDY THURSDAY

He's Got Us Covered

№ PREPARATION

Please Stand

HYMN 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 32:1, 5

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

People: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my

sin.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our transgressions and sins to the Lord, our God, in the presence of one

another.

People: When we look into the mirror of Your perfect law, we are reminded that we are no

better than our ancestors. We rebel against You like the Israelites on the way to the Promised Land. We are like King David, committing sins we think no one will know about. You know us. You know our transgressions and sins against You and one another. We humbly come to You seeking forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts and make them clean. Forgive our sins by the blood of Jesus that was given and shed

for us. Renew a right spirit within us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Blessed people of God, you have confessed your transgressions to the Lord. He forgives

your iniquity and will remember your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father

People: Amen.

₩ WORD ※

INTROIT Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

Pastor: I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD:

People: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, it was on this night that You washed Your disciples' feet and instituted the feast we know as the Lord's Supper. Nourish our faith and our souls in this feast of Your body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins; for You live and

reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(God promises He will make a new covenant with His people.)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing

an eternal redemption.

People: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may

receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10:15–25

(The new covenant gives us confidence, comfort, and hope because of Jesus.)

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds."

then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE John 13:1b

Lector: Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 22:7–20

(Jesus pours out His blood of the new covenant for us at His Table.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

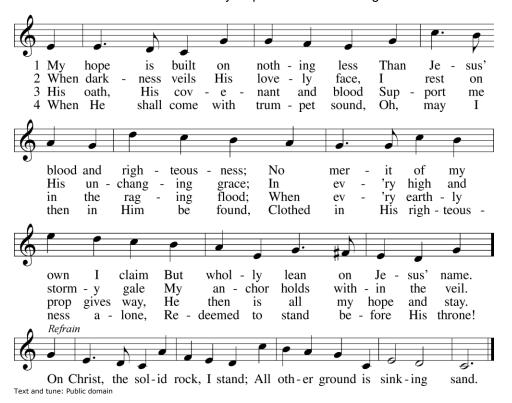
And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



SERMON

Please Stand

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified.

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to

their needs.

Lord God, on this night we remember how You rescued Your people from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. We are reminded of how You have rescued us from slavery to sin and are bringing us to Your heavenly kingdom. Nourish

our faith and lead us to walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You made covenants with Your people throughout the centuries. Yet, in

these last days, You have made a new covenant with us through Your Son. Make this

covenant known among us and all peoples of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and took on the role of a servant when You washed

Your disciples' feet. You commanded them to love one another just as You loved them. Lead us to love others as You have first loved us. Stir us up to love and good works.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, as we come to Your Table, forgive our sins through Your body and blood and

wrap us in the robe of Your righteousness that covers all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things;

redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY



Be Seated

▼ SACRAMENT

The Sacrament, or Lord's Supper, is a special gift from God that brings us into personal communion with Jesus Christ. "In, with and under" the bread and wine we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and renewal. If you are a repentant sinner, come to the table expecting to receive God's wonderful gifts for you!

Communicants will take their own wine cups as they are passed. Those requiring non-alcoholic grape juice will take the cups with white grape juice from the middle of the tray.

Remain Seated

OUR EXAMINATION

Pastor:

In preparation for Holy Communion, St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "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. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." So that we may properly examine ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper, I ask you to reflect on these questions:

- Do you repent of all your sins of thought, word, and deed?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only Savior from all sin, Satan, and death?
- Do you believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive His true Body and Blood?

If you answer in faith "Yes!" to these questions, and are properly instructed, you are invited to come forward and partake of the LORD'S Supper during Distribution. If you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms as Pastor approaches you and receive a blessing. By your coming forward, "You proclaim the LORD'S death until He comes."

Please Stand

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

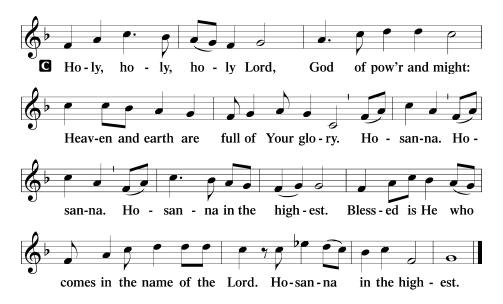
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:

It is truly good, 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 gives us the pure robe of His righteousness that covers all our sins, not counting our iniquities against us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on us

through Your only begotten Son, who welcomes us sinners to His Table.

We thank You for not sparing Your Son but sacrificing Him for the sins of the world. As

we eat and drink Your Son's body and blood, remind us that You forgive our

transgressions and cover our sins, no longer counting them against us, because of

Jesus.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor:

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 mathred 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 \maltese blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in

remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He

comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and

to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom

and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

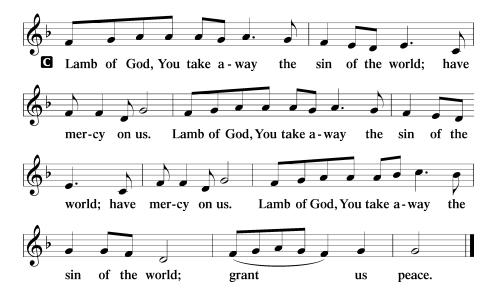
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

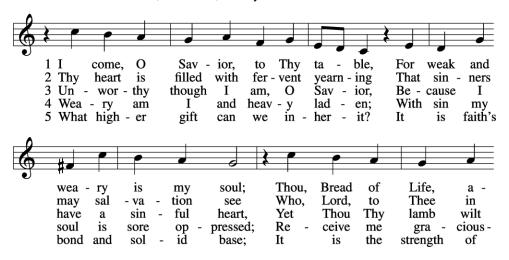
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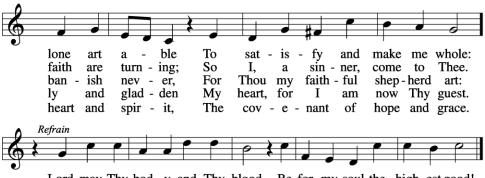


Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



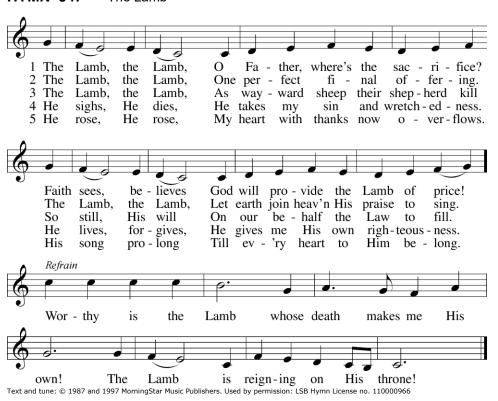


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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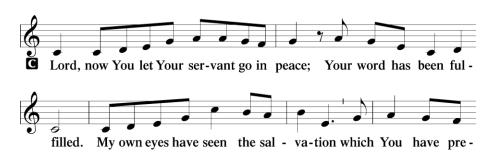
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HYMN 547 "The Lamb"



Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE





POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for forgiving our transgressions, covering our sins, and no longer counting our iniquities against us. Nourish us with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, and lead us to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as we see the Day drawing near; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

Be Seated

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Pastor:

After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest, mock trial, painful beating; the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in the sacred mystery that is the Sacrament. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

Communion vessels are removed.

Pastor:

The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). As this statement was fulfilled on the cross, the cross is removed from the altar area.

The cross is removed.

Pastor: The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing

praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As sounds of joy are

removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and its book.

The missal stand and altar book are removed.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but

will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The events at Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As creation was dark while He suffered, so we extinguish

our candles and remove them.

All candles are extinguished and removed.

Pastor: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest

offering to the world and to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The offerings are removed.

Pastor: The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and Meal at His

banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade, materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in

crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

The altar cloths and paraments are removed.

All may exit silently.

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 17): 1:00 & 7:00pm Good Friday (April 18): 3:00 & 7:00pm Easter Sunday (April 20): 8:30 & 11:00am

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