

APRIL 9, 2020 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE – “Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless” tune *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*, arr. Hillert

Stand

HYMN 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kneel/Stand

LITANY

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.
P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and
passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of
judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in
holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred
and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany
Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted
and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our
country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all
our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all
who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their
blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have
mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–19

**¹²What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

**¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

**¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

**¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

**¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.**

**¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,**

**¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the be- ginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:11–22

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 173

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:17–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.**

Sit

OFFERTORY - “*Be Thou But Near*” by J. S. Bach; Soloist, Frank Vasi

Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Celebrating Christ’s passion that gives life and salvation, let us pray for the Church, the world, and any who are in need.

(brief silence)

P For the Church, that living according to Jesus’ new commandment and by His example, we may grow in our love for one another and all people. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the leaders of every nation, that their goal may be dignity and reconciliation for all, and that conflict and discord would give way to peace and unity throughout the world. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all people in need, that they might receive Your blessing, and that we may be led to care for our brothers and sisters who suffer hunger, illness, oppression, loneliness, abuse, or any physical or spiritual disease. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For this congregation, that we would take up whatever cross is laid upon us and gladly carry it, sharing in Christ’s death that leads to His everlasting life. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks for all the saints and martyrs who followed the example of the one who washed His disciples’ feet and who now rest from their labors. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of the one who came to serve and not to be served and offered Himself for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

C **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.**

PSALM - *we read in unison while the altar is being stripped*

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.**

After Pastor has left the nave of the Church via the side door, the congregation leaves in silence.

The Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers. The omission of the Benediction at the end of tonight's liturgy emphasizes its continuity with the Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies.

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