



## Holy (Maundy) Thursday

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**ABOUT THE SERIES:** We live in an increasingly angry culture. Although we may feel justified at becoming angry with something or someone who violates the Word of God, we often express that anger in unhelpful and even harmful ways. In our 2020 Lenten series, “Deliverance from Danger,” we will explore the destructive nature of supposed “righteous” anger in humans. In response to all this misplaced, misinformed and misguided human anger, Jesus responds with grace and mercy, compassionately dispensing God’s gifts.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** On the night when Judas betrayed Jesus and the disciples fled and left Him, Christ did not react against them in anger. Knowing all that would happen, our Lord earlier that evening celebrated God’s great deliverance in the Passover and then proclaimed His own suffering, death and resurrection as an even greater deliverance. As Christ’s Passion stands on the cusp of commencing, our Lord’s compassion does not falter. Instead, he offers His disciples His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of their faith so that the curse of sin and death would pass over all those covered by Jesus, the Lamb of God.

+ **Order of Worship** +

**Hymn** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575

### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C: **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P: As we remember the Paschal meal Jesus spends with His disciples, we pause in reflection of the sins that caused Him to be born as our Savior and enter compassionately into the place of suffering on our behalf.

*(Silence for self-reflection)*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
 C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. 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.**

P: Gracious is the LORD and merciful. For the sake of our Lord Jesus, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority and 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** *(Psalm 116:12-19; antiphon, v. 17)*

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

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

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

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

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

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

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

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

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace in our church, neighborhood and world and for the  
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace that surpasses all human understanding that guards  
our hearts and finds through faith, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For the peace that we receive through Jesus Christ's body and  
blood, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O Lord, we give you thanks and praise for giving Your body and  
blood for us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. In this  
wonderous sacrament, You have left us a remembrance of Your  
passion. Grant that we may so faithfully receive this sacred  
mystery 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563

**Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 24:3-11

Moses 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.” And 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. And he sent young men of the people of  
Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of  
oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in  
basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then 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.” And 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.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the  
elders of Israel went up, and 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. And 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.**

**Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 9:11-22

But when 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) he 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. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how 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.

Therefore, he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, because it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore, not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For 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, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, 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.**

### Verse

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17-30

Now 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?" He 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.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

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

Now 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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I 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."

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### 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

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

### Sermon

#### Prayer of the Church

P: On this holy night in which our Lord gathered His disciples in the Upper Room, we come to You, O Lord, in His name with the concerns of our hearts for ourselves and all people.

*Brief silence*

P: Grant to us zeal for Your house, O Lord, and love for the things of Your Kingdom, that Your Church may enjoy harmony and peace and confess Your Word with one voice to the world. Cover us with the blood of Christ, and grant us Your Spirit, that we walk in Your ways and do the good You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, give to us faithful pastors who will preach Your Word in season and out, and give us ears and hearts willing to hear and heed Your voice. Help us to remain disciplined and attentive to Your Word in these difficult times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Deliver us, O Lord, from temptation, and lead us to know and do what is holy and right according to Your Word and commands. Amid these days, grant us strength that we would be steadfast in faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: In the midst of enemies that threaten and a world filled with uncertainty, give us wise leaders, O Lord, that we may be preserved from harm, especially during this deadly pandemic. Guide those who make and administer our laws, and give to all judges and magistrates knowledge to render justice with mercy. Teach us to be patient, faithful citizens of this land, using our resources wisely for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: In this time of extreme trial, give patience, skill and protection to all health care professionals and first responders who tend to your people. Preserve the sick, relieve the suffering and grant to the dying Your peace, O Lord. Hear us on behalf of all those who have asked us to pray: \_\_\_\_\_. Give them healing in accordance with Your will, strength under the burdens of this mortal life, and comfort and hope in trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Give us Your Word and Spirit, O Lord, that although we do not meet together, we always may discern Your Son's presence in the bread and cup and look forward to when we come to His table to receive the assurance of sins forgiven. Keep us in patience and repentance, that we may not be overcome by sin, but pursue goodness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: As generously as You have given to us, O Lord, teach us to be generous in giving, that none may suffer want nor Your Church be deprived of the resources to serve Your purpose both here and across the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless us, O Lord, as again we walk in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross. Help us to ponder well the love He has shown us by His suffering and death, and make us so confident of the resurrection to everlasting life that this supper may fulfill the Passover promise and feed us upon the foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You know, O Lord, what we need, and You have promised never to abandon us. Help us to endure in faith and, with a joyful countenance, receive the blessings of Your grace and the answers to our prayers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Hymn**

“Abide with Me”

LSB 878

**Please join us for Good Friday services tomorrow, and don't forget to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection with Easter Services.**