

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

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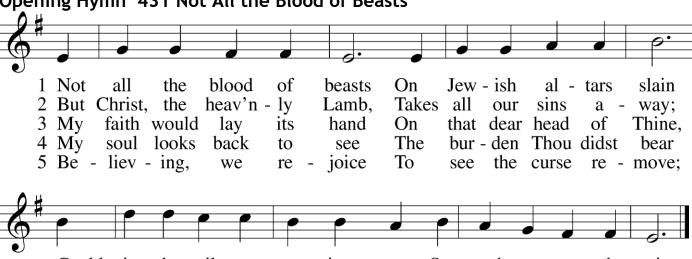
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday It's All about Jesus

As We Gather

In about 1498, Leonardo da Vinci completed his masterpiece "The Last Supper." This famous painting shows Jesus seated at the table on Holy Thursday, surrounded by His twelve disciples. Although Judas the betrayer is positioned lower than the rest and darkened in features, Christ is full of light. Both the set of three windows that appear behind Jesus and the triangular shape of His body show how the triune God is made flesh in our Redeemer. All the gestures and expressions of the disciples are painted in such a way to capture the mixed moods of the night when our Lord was betrayed and handed over to death for us. Looking closely at the painting, every line is positioned in such a way to guide your eyes toward the center: Jesus, the Host of the feast, the centerpiece of da Vinci's masterpiece! The Meal we gather to receive today is all about Jesus. The One who is the center of it all longs to gather His guests together to feast in His presence, both now and forevermore.

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



con-science peace Or wash a - way Could give the guilt - y sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they. While pen - i - tent stand, And there con - fess my sin. as Ι When hang-ing on the curs - ed tree: Ι know my guilt was there. bless the Lamb with cheer - ful We voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

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Invocation

 $[\mathbf{P}]$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

Confession and Absolution Luke 18:13

By means of His Word and Supper, we gather together this day to receive our Savior's mercy and respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and deed, we are spiritually bankrupt and unworthy of the grace we receive. Yet at the invitation of our loving Redeemer, we come to His Table and take our place with Him. Acknowledging our sin, let us find refuge in our God of grace and say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

In silent prayer, we reflect on God's Word and confess our sins to the Lord.

- **P** Together, let us pray:
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, that we may enjoy the fullness of Your presence at the feast You have prepared for all who trust in You. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise again for you so that you may be redeemed and restored. You have been invited to the eternal banquet, the heavenly feast, where our Savior and Host delights us with the richest of fare, the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a servant of Christ and your pastor, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

WORD

Introit *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

- P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
- our God is merciful.
- P I love the LORD, because He has heard
- my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P Because He inclined His ear to me,
- therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
- P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
- I suffered distress and anguish.
- **P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
- "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
- our God is merciful.

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray.

 Lord Jesus, in this sacred Meal You have left us a remembrance of Your suffering and death for our salvation.
- As we eat with You in the kingdom of God, grant that our hearts and minds may be turned to You alone;
- for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:3–11

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus, chapter twenty-four

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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

Reader: A reading from the first book of Corinthians, chapter ten.

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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Verse John 13:1b

- P Having loved His own who were in the world,
- **G** He loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel Mark 14:12-26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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."

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

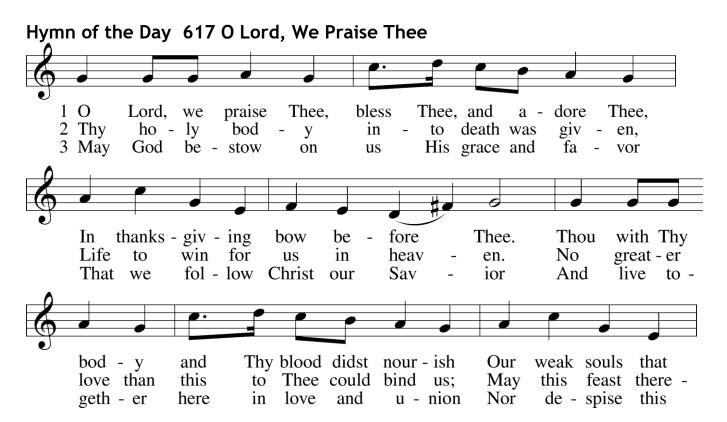
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

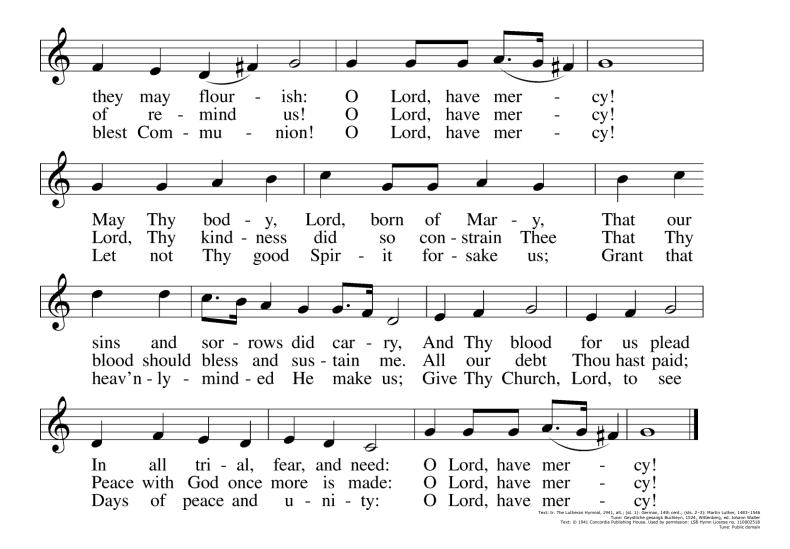
What We Believe Nicene Creed

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.





Sermon

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

C hear our prayer.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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 invites us to His eternal banquet Table and feeds us with the Bread of Life, which alone satisfies our hungry hearts and enables us to joyfully experience His presence forever. 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 LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Jesus prepares His Table before us and invites us to feast with Him in His eternal kingdom.
- P Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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
→ 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
→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

 Amen.

Distribution Hymns



Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
 - O Jesus, Lamb of God, we thank You for refreshing us through the gift of Your body and blood in this sacred Meal.
- Enable us with renewed minds and hearts to always love and trust in You alone;
- for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

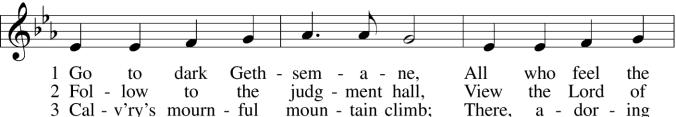
 → give you peace.
- Amen.

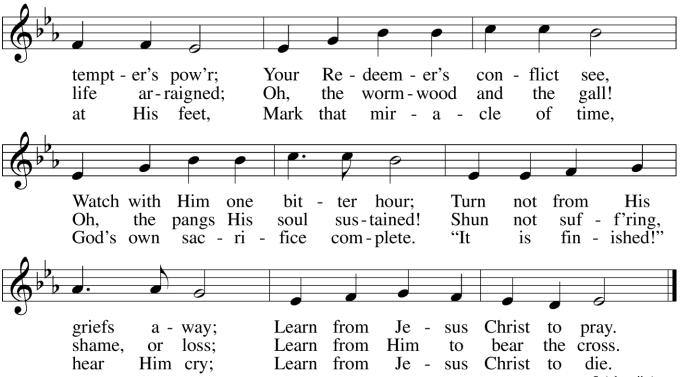
Stripping of the Altar

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR Psalm 22

The altar is a symbol of our Lord, vested in fine linens, holding the vessels for bread and wine and the stand for Readings from Scripture and for the liturgy, and having candles to proclaim Him as the light of the world. As those adornments are removed, symbolic of the abuse our Lord experienced today and tomorrow, we reflect on Psalm 22, for the evangelists Matthew and Mark tell us that our Lord prayed, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me," as He took our place on the cross.

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane sts. 1–3





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The congregation departs from the sanctuary in silent reflection

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