

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2, 2026**  
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**Prelude**

**Invocation** (*stand*)

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**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**     *I Love the Lord*

Ps. 116:1–4; antiphon: Ps. 116:5

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**our God is merciful.**

I love the LORD, because he has heard

**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,

**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

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

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**our God is merciful.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**our God is merciful.**

**Kyrie**

LSB 942

**Kyrie! God, Father in heav’n above,  
You abound in gracious love,  
Of all things the maker and preserver.  
Eleison! Eleison!**

**Kyrie! O Christ, our king,  
Salvation for all You came to bring.  
O Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Our mediator at the heav’nly throne:  
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.  
Eleison! Eleison!**

**Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,  
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,  
And bless our life’s last hour,  
That we leave this sinful world with gladness.  
Eleison! Eleison!**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

**Old Testament**    *The Passover*

Exodus 12:1–14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>"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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>"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."

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

**thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

He sent redemption to his people;

**he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Epistle**    *The Lord's Supper*

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

John 13:1b

Having loved his own who were in the world,

**he loved them to the end.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sit*)

**Hymn of the Day** "Your Table I Approach"

tune: SOUTHWELL

*All*      **Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.**

**Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.**

*Choir*    Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

*All*      **O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined**

**May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.**

**All Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.**

**Sermon** "Received and Passed On" 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

**Apostles' Creed** *see back inside cover of the hymnal*

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**Offering** (*sit*) *Gather Round This Supper Table* arr. Charles Frischmann

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**Words of Institution**

**Sanctus** LSB 960

**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

**All "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

**Pax Domini** p. 217

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** LSB 434, st. 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Distribution** (*sit*) "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" LSB 445

**When You woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
Now at last the hour had come**

**When but One could pay sin's wages:  
You assumed their dreadful sum.**

**Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples' feet.**

**What was there that You could give them  
That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me,  
Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
Eat this body, drink this blood."**

**One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev'ry place and time.**

**One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.**

**Post-Communion Hymn** (*stand*)

LSB 617, st. 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 sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

**Post-Communion Collect**

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**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*There is no benediction because the worship service is not ended.  
We continue tomorrow as we mark our Lord's crucifixion.*

## Stripping of Altar

### Psalm 51

LSB 51



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\*  
according to your abundant mercy

**blot out my trans- | gressions.**

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*

**and cleanse me | from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my trans- | gressions,\*

**and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,\*

**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless  
in your | judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\*

**and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.**

<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\*

**and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\*

**wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*

**let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,\*

**and blot out all my in- | iquities.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*

**and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your | presence,\*

**and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.**

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*

**and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\*

**and sinners will re- | turn to you.**

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my sal- | vation,\*

**and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, open | my lips,\*

**and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.**

<sup>16</sup>For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;\*

**you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

<sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;\*

**build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;**

<sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings  
and whole burnt | offerings;\*

**then bulls will be offered on your | altar.**

*When the psalm is finished, please leave in silence.*

