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**AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY**

March 28, 2024
1:00, 3:30, and 6:30 pm



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code on the left.

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION MUSIC (6:30 pm)

Glory Be to Jesus
Arr. J. A. Behnk (ASCAP)
St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir

RINGING OF THE BELLS CALLING US TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN BLUE 416, vv. 1-3

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

**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."**

M In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the peace from above and for our salvation.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M We pray for the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M We pray for this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M We pray that you help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:21-30, Bible page 67

M The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116, Red Hymnal page 107

Refrain

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*

I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;

when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*

for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*

and call on the name of the LORD.

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.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Bible page 1149

M The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY BLUE 659, vv. 1, 2, 4-6

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe
he saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,
he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread
and with the wine the blood he shed.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

THE MESSAGE

Mark 14:12-26, Bible page 1019

Pastor David Kuehl

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, now giving your own body and pouring out your own blood in Holy Communion. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death,

C strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

M Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

C Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.

M We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.

C Call them in your mercy to return and renew their faith.

M Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

C Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful to the point of death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith, so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith. We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.

Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Arr. A. B. Sherman

St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir

DISTRIBUTION HYMN BLUE 661

Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord

**1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.**

**2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.**

**3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.**

**4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN BLUE 417

It Was a Dark and Dismal Night

1 It was a dark and dismal night

when pow'rs of earth and hell arose
against the Son, our God's delight,
and friends betrayed him to his foes.

2 Before the mournful scene began,

he took the bread and blessed and broke.
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!

3 "This is my body, slain for sin;
receive and eat the living food."

Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
"This is my all-atoning blood."

4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,

in mem'ry of your dying friend;
meet at my table and record
the love of your departed Lord."

5 Jesus, your feast we celebrate;
we show your death; we sing your name
till you return and we shall eat
the marriage supper of the Lamb.

M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C his mercy endures forever.

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

M The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

- Good Friday, March 29, at 1:00, 3:30, and 6:30 pm
- Good Friday at The Bridge MKE, March 29, at 6:30 pm
- Easter Festival, Saturday, March 30, at 5:00 pm
- Easter Festival, Sunday, March 31, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am
- Easter at The Bridge, Sunday, March 31, at 9:00 and 10:45 am
- Easter at The Bridge MKE, Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 am

LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

- Good Friday at 3:30 pm
- Easter Festival at 9:30 am
- Easter The Bridge at 10:45 am