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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

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.

RINGING OF THE BELLS CALLING US TO WORSHIP

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

C **Amen.**

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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN BLUE 416, v. 5

**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.**

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

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.**

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

GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20, Bible page 1056

M The Gospel 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. 1-3, 5-6

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.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.

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.

Thank God He Forgets!

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.**

**If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, and you have fulfilled all things by giving your own body and pouring out your own blood on the cross. 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 by 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 rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion.
- C **Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.**
- 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 unto 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 also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

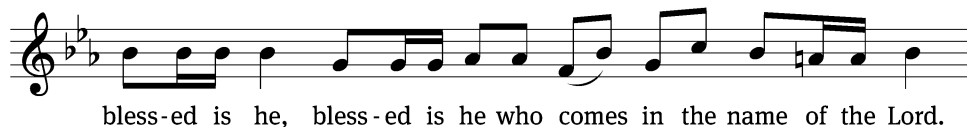
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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



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

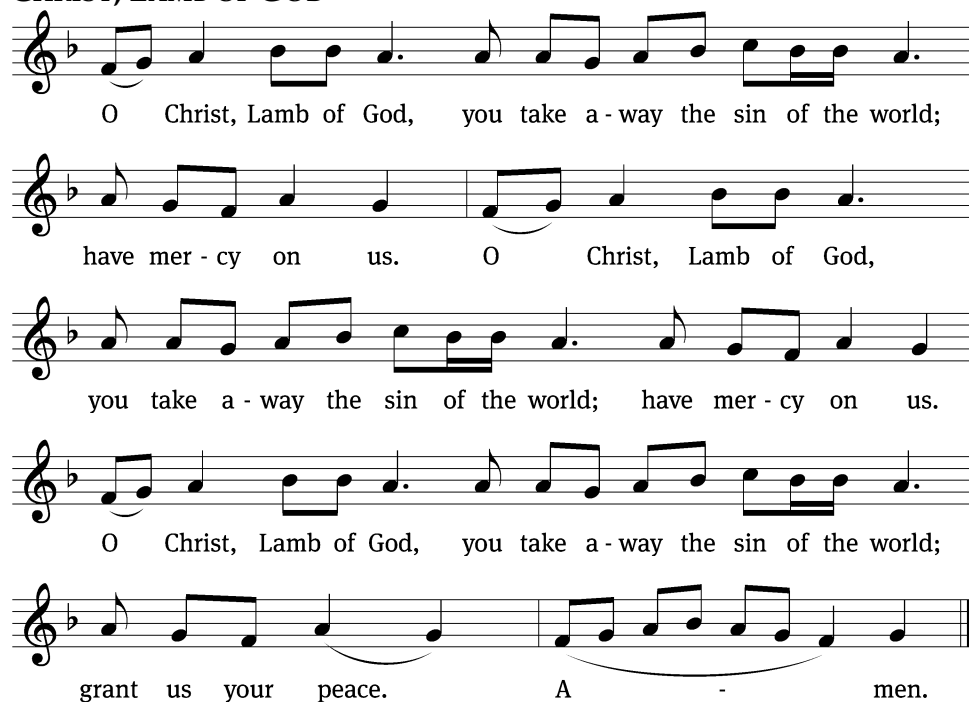
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Wounded and Afflicted

Arr. L. Larson

St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir

MUSICAL MEDITATION (1:00 and 3:30 pm)

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

Words by C. Idle

Music by L. Larson

Sung by D. Gedemer and L. Eiche Ross

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat,
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

Refrain

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

Refrain

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my blood.

Refrain

I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
you are God's dwelling-place, on me you rest;
like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

Refrain

I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Morning Star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

Refrain

I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

Refrain

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I am,
the King of glory and of grace.
At one with him, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

The congregation stands.

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.

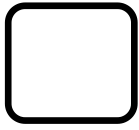
C **Amen.**

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

- **Good Friday**, April 18, at 1:00, 3:30, and 6:30 pm
- **Good Friday at The Bridge MKE**, April 18, at 6:30 pm
- **Easter Festival**, Saturday, April 19, at 5:00 pm
- **Easter Festival**, Sunday, April 20, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am
- **Easter at The Bridge**, Sunday, April 20, at 9:00 and 10:45 am
- **Easter at The Bridge MKE**, Sunday, April 20, at 10:30 am

LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

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



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Thank God He Forgets!

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Bible page 789)

Introduction: Forgetfulness

I. What God doesn't forget

A. What if God forgot...

- aa. to cause s_____ to sprout and the r_____ to fall?
- bb. to wake the s_____ from slumber and put it to bed again?
- cc. to p_____ the universe?
- dd. about m_____?

B. God doesn't forget.

- aa. He s_____ all things by his powerful Word (Hebrews 1:3).
- bb. He calls us by n_____ (Isaiah 43:1).
- cc. He numbers the h_____ on our h_____ (Matthew 10:29-31).
 - _____ hairs on average _____ on average lost daily

II. What God does forget

- A. The way to hell is p_____ with good intentions and l_____ with bad theology.
- B. There is no question how God s_____ (Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 3:16).
- C. We cannot f_____ what has been b_____.
- D. God can forgive sin because of J_____ (John 1:29; Ephesians 1:7).
- E. God's new covenant with us is o_____-sided.
- F. In the R_____ P_____ of Jesus' body and blood in the Lord's Supper, "*God daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers*" (Martin Luther).

Conclusion: May we be quick to exclaim, "Thank God he forgets!"

My Next Steps

Memorize Jeremiah 31:34 – *I will forgive their transgressions and will remember their sins no more.*

Ponder with amazement that the all-knowing and all-wise God would choose to forget your sins.