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Bethany Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2, 2026

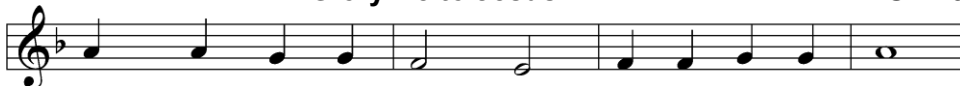
PRELUDE

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HYMN:

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

CALL TO WORSHIP: ~ *St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*

L: O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins.

P: **Mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.**

L: Take away from me the heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh.

P: **A heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, a heart to follow You, my God, Father ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave His disciples a new command, to love one another as He had loved them.
- P:** **Write this command on our hearts, O Lord, and strengthen us to live it out in our lives. By Your Holy Spirit, move us to know You more deeply in Your suffering and death. Amen.**

HYMN:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Jesus' love has brought us here. His love for us is what this meal is all about. It was on the evening of His betrayal that He said to His disciples, "A new command I give to you: Love one another as I have loved you." Yet, we have failed to keep this command, and so we confess our lack of love and seek His forgiveness.

P: **Dear Lord, You demand all of my love, not just part of it. In humility I confess that I have not loved my neighbors, my family, nor You, my God, as You have called me to, let alone as I love myself. My love is so often self-serving and shallow. I do not deserve to be loved by You. For Your sake, O Christ, forgive me all my sins, and enable me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen.**

L: The love of God knows no bounds. In love, He came in Christ to die for us. In love, He forgives us our lack of love. In love, He invites us to His table where we might experience His love and learn to share it.

P: **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

"Kyrie"
~Matthew Armstrong

Bethany Choir

GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17

Before the Passover festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus loved His own who were in the world, and He loved them to the end.

While supper was taking place, the devil had already put the idea of betraying Jesus into the mind of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

The Father had put everything in Jesus' control. Jesus knew that. He also knew that He had come from God and was going back to God. So, He got up from the table, removed His outer clothes, took a towel, and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that He had tied around His waist.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter asked Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered Peter, “You don’t know now what I’m doing. You will understand later.”

Peter told Jesus, “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus replied to Peter, “If I don’t wash you, you don’t belong to me.”

Simon Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, don’t wash only my feet. Wash my hands and my head too!”

Jesus told Peter, “People who have washed are completely clean. They need to have only their feet washed. All of you, except for one, are clean.” (Jesus knew who was going to betray Him. That’s why He said, “All of you, except for one, are clean.”)

After Jesus had washed their feet and put on His outer clothes, He took His place at the table again. Then He asked His disciples, “Do you understand what I’ve done for you? You call me teacher and Lord, and you’re right because that’s what I am. So if I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you must wash each other’s feet. I’ve given you an example that you should follow. I can guarantee this truth: Slaves are not superior to their owners, and messengers are not superior to the people who send them. If you understand all of this, you are blessed whenever you follow my example.

–GW®

MESSAGE



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



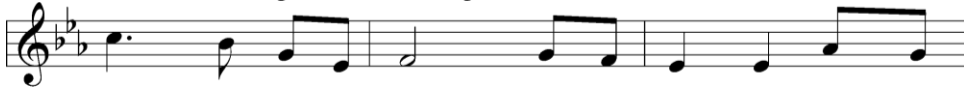
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

CALL TO THE TABLE:

L: Our God has invited us to His table;

P: **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

L: Our God promises to feed us with the Bread of Life.

P: **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

L: Our God promises to give us the Cup of Salvation.

P: **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

L: Our God will lead us from this meal changed,
desiring to live for Him alone, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these
words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

L: We have received God’s love in Christ and now we give witness of His love for us.

P: **I believe that through the power of Christ’s own Word, I shall receive the very body and blood of Jesus, my Lord, with the bread and the wine in this sacred meal. I trust that through this loving gift, God will forgive me my sins, strengthen my faith and increase my love for Him and for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, with whom I share this faith and this meal. Amen.**

L: Dear Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matthew 26:26-28*

L: 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." – ESV®

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Bethany Choir

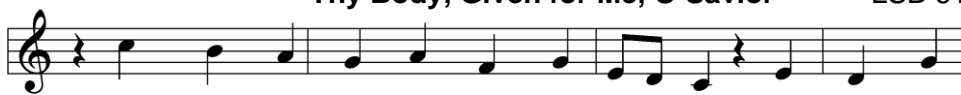
“Taste and See”

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~James Moore

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

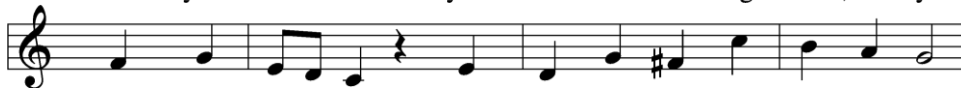
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1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

L: Having received the fullness of Christ's love
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: **Christ has died,
Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Altar is Stripped

*Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.*

*Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.*

We depart the sanctuary in silence, as we reflect on our Lord's impending death.



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Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman
Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

Preacher...Pastor John Alwood
Accompanist...Kevin Bowers



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Parents of Young Children: We are so glad you and your children are here! Children are a joyful part of worship—after all, God created them with curiosity, energy, and yes, a few wiggles. Please don’t feel pressure to keep them perfectly still in God’s house. Their presence is truly a gift to our church family.

Worship is where we learn, together, how to listen and speak to God alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. You are welcome to quietly explain parts of the service and what our worship leaders are doing—children learn how to worship by watching and imitating you.

If it would be helpful, “worship bags” are available in the Narthex with items designed to support children and families during worship. Childcare is also available in our Nursery for children from birth through age five. Our caring and qualified staff look forward to welcoming your little one into a safe and loving environment.

Bethany’s Nursery is located across the courtyard. Please feel free to ask an usher if you need directions—we’re happy to help.





Good Friday:

Friday, April 3rd

1:00pm & 6:30pm on the *Long Beach campus*

Easter Festival:

Sunday, April 5th

8:00 & 9:30am at *Bethany, Long Beach*

11:10am at *Bethany, Cypress*