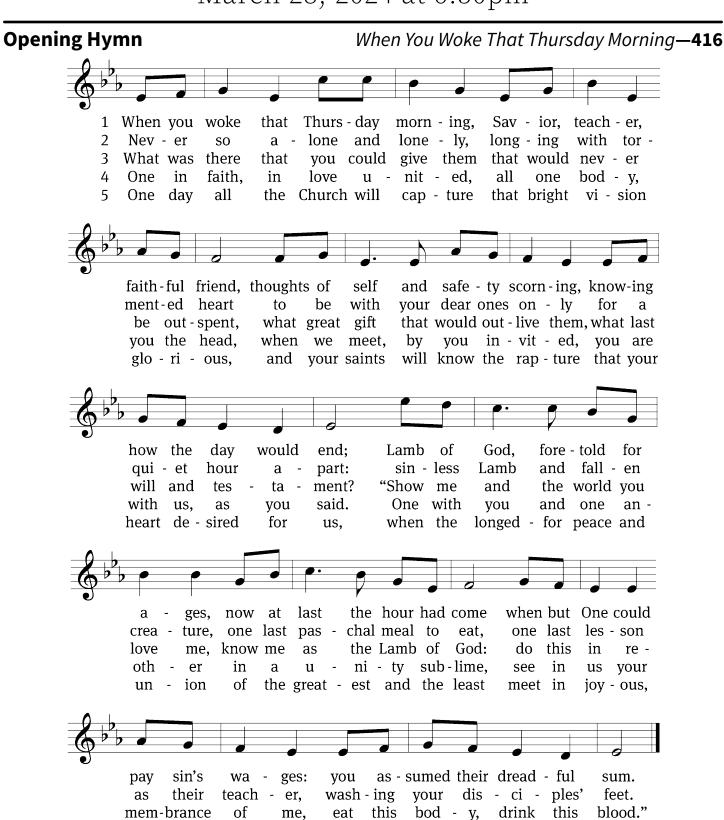
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul's Lutheran, North Fond du Lac March 28, 2024 at 6:30pm



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Sermon *Mark* 14:22-26

Choir Remember Him

Holy Thursday Confessional Rite

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

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.

Absolution

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.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

Prayer of the Day

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 the 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.

Amen.

Be seated

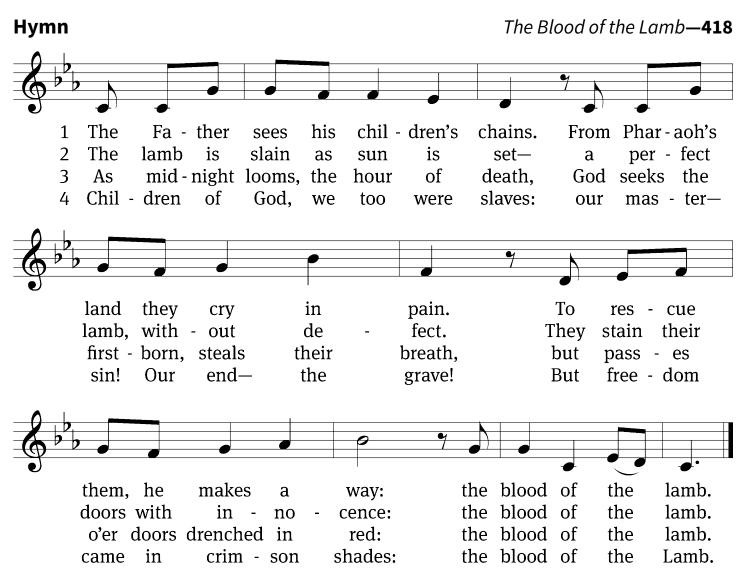
First Lesson Exodus 12:21-30

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷ then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.



- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.

 He gave himself as sacrifice.

 His life poured out, the final price:
 the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent, he gives us now in sacrament.

 Eternal life on Christ depends:
 the blood of the Lamb.

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

Verse of the Day

1 Corinthians 11:26

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

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Gospel *Mark* 14:12-26

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

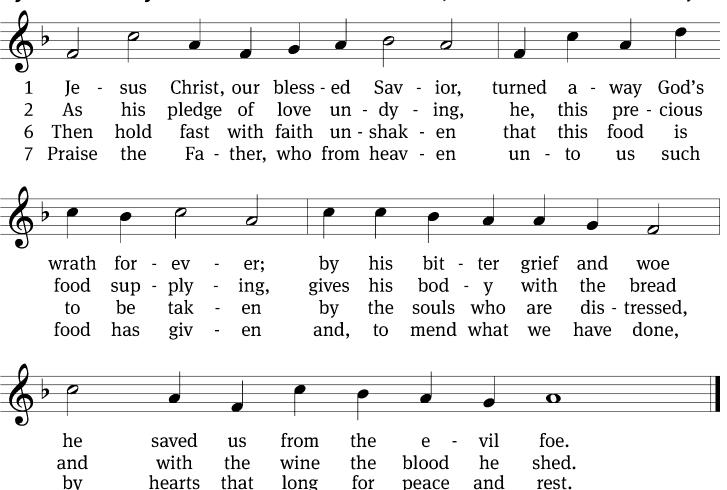
¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?" ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

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

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior—659:1-2,6-7



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The Great Litany

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy on us.**

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

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O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, **Have mercy on us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Rule the hearts of your servants, our government, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, and grant us peace.

Special intercessions may follow

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 Sacrament

The following comes from the Service Setting One.

The Lord be with you.



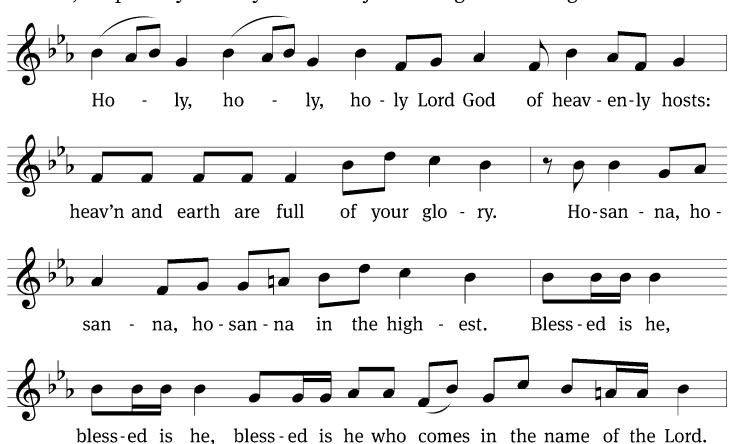
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



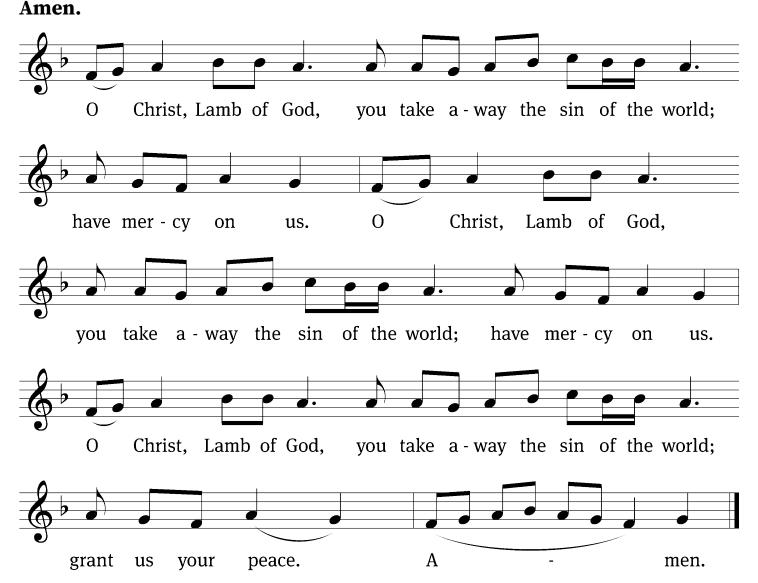
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, all Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a 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:





Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Be seated

Distribution Hymns





Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!



- 1 Draw near and take the bod y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re-deem er, God's e ter nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap-proach with faith ful hearts sin cere
- 4 With heav'n-ly bread he makes the hun-gry whole,



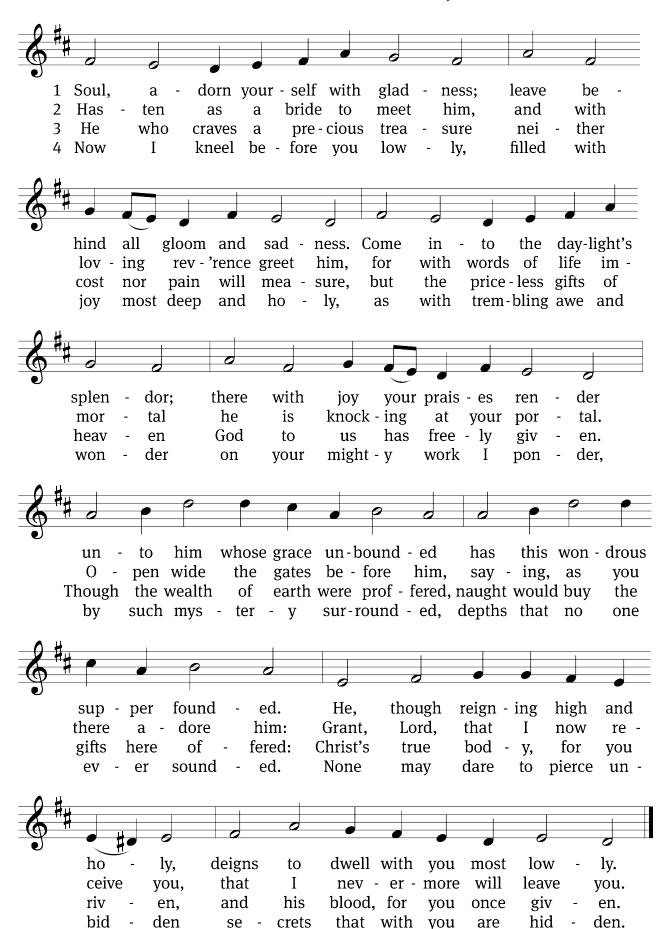
drink the blood for and ho - ly out - poured. you by his cross and blood the vic has t'ry won. take the pledg - es and sal - va of tion here. gives liv - ing the thirst wa - ters to ing soul.



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with give our thanks to souls re-freshed we God. him self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest. be - liev - ers life all that nev er ends. gives in this great feast of love be with us now.



- 5 Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders, that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless, and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving.

 These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.
- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 you have left your throne in heaven
 on the cross for me to languish
 and to die in bitter anguish,
 to forgo all joy and gladness
 and to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 at your feet I cry, my maker,
 let me be a fit partaker
 of this blessèd food from heaven
 for our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
 help me when this meal is given
 to receive it for my blessing
 as I come, my sins confessing.
 In this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
 that, as I on earth have eaten,
 I may be your guest in heaven.

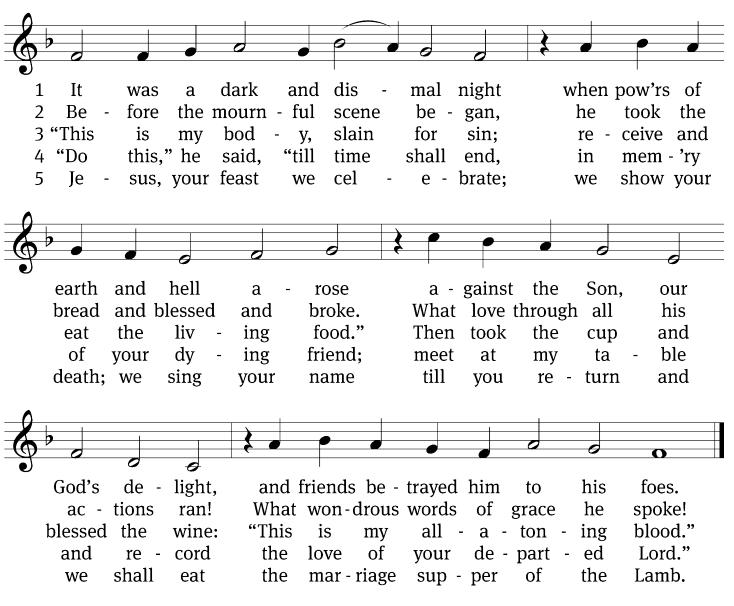
Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son was betrayed by Judas, abandoned by his disciples, and arrested by his enemies to fulfill your plan for our salvation. Forgive us when we abandon you by our sin and strengthen us through your Word and through the sacrament of your Son's body and blood that we may always cling in faith to your gospel promises in every adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

During the singing of the Hymn, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples. At the conclusion of the hymn, the lights will dim. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing in silence. There will not be a formal dismissal by the ushers.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Friday—March 29, 2024 at 1pm & 7pm

Easter Sunrise Service—March 31, 2024 at 6:30am

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt-7:30-9:00am

Easter Festival Service—March 31, at 9:00am