



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 7pm

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER
HIS SANCTUARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ
THROUGH THIS WORSHIP FOLDER
TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**



ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord's Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction

- P** On the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. He commanded us to remember Him when we celebrate the Sacrament. Indeed, through it He causes His death to be remembered so that we may have life. But we ask Him to remember us as well! We pray that He would not remember our sins and iniquities, but in mercy and grace to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Opening Sentences

Luke 22:19–20; Hebrews 10:17–18, 22; Psalm 25:6–7

- P** Lest we forget, Jesus commanded,
C **"Do this in remembrance of Me."**
- P** For, He explained,
C **"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."**
- P** The new covenant is the fulfillment of the promise made centuries earlier through Jeremiah. It is recalled in the Epistle:
C **"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."**

P Therefore, the writer exhorts us,

C **“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”**

P As we approach the Table of the Lord in faithful obedience, we are asking Him to remember us as well! It is the age-old plea David expressed in the Psalms:

C **Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

P Let us now draw near to our gracious God to confess our sins, assured that for the sake of Jesus’ sacrificial death, forgiveness is freely available.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Confession and Absolution

P Gracious heavenly Father,

C **we have forgotten how much You love us and at times wondered about Your plans for us. We have forgotten to love our neighbors as ourselves and instead in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have put our own interests first. We have forgotten that we are sinful from birth and bound to sin; we thought we had the power to change. In Your mercy for Jesus’ sake, and as You have promised, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.**

P Brothers and sisters, faith is personal. We cannot believe for one another. The Small Catechism teaches, “That person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words:

C **‘Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.’**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

C **Amen.**

Lord Have Mercy

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

I have built an altar where I've worshiped things of man
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

CHORUS: *Lord have mercy Christ have mercy*
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night **CHORUS**

ENDING: *Lord have mercy Lord have mercy on us 4x*

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion.
C **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;**
- P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

- L** Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
C **thus securing an eternal redemption.**
- L** Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
C **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**
- L** He sent redemption to His people;
C **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

John 13:1b

P Having loved His own who were in the world,

C He loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.

P They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?"

Jesus: Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.

P And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them,

Jesus: I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

P And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said,

Jesus: Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

P And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

P And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Maundy Thursday Message *given by Pr. Rennie*

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Psalms 25:6

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people in their various needs. Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world. Where their leaders care for their people, give them supportive citizens; where they seek their own power, frustrate their efforts and shorten their rule.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

MEN – Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are often forgotten in society: people who are imprisoned or exiled from their homelands, people with long-term illnesses in hospitals and nursing homes, and people who live in poverty with their basic needs unmet. Assure them of Your presence and move the powers that be to care for them with dignity and justice.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

WOMEN – O Holy Spirit, we pray for the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. Where it is persecuted, give courage; where it is growing, open doors of opportunity; where it is asleep, awaken clergy and laity to lead with zeal.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

MEN – Lord over all, we pray for those who tend fields and flocks, who make and distribute goods and services, who protect and defend communities and nations, who heal and care for the ill and dying. Give them eyes to see their callings as ministries from Your gracious hand.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

WOMEN – Triune God, we pray for people who do not know Jesus as Lord, who wonder about the truth of Your Word, and whose faith has grown cold. Grant them sure faith and remind them of Your great love, promised for ages and fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You this day, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you

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P Lift up your hearts

All Sing

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks

To the Lord our God

It is right to give Him

Thanks and praise

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Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:1–3; Matthew 21:9

P In the year that King Uzziah died Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. And one called to another and said:

C “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

P When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.
- As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **C Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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.**

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Communion

How Beautiful

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

CHORUS: *How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE: And as He laid down His life,
 We offer this sacrifice,
 That we will live just as He died:
 Willing to pay the price,
 Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful, the radiant Bride
 Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
 How beautiful, when humble hearts give
 The fruit of pure lives so that others may live. **CHORUS**

How beautiful, the feet that bring
 The sound of good news and the love of the King.
 How beautiful the hands that serve
 The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth, **CHORUS**

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Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

4. Here O my Lord, I see Thee face to face
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen
 Here grasp with firmer hand the-eternal grace
 And all my weariness upon Thee lean

5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood
 Here is my Robe, my Refuge, and my Peace
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God

Closing Prayer

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath-less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Stripping of the Altar

- P** This is the night in which our Lord was betrayed. After He had instituted the Sacrament of His body and blood, He and the eleven disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He knew Judas would come to set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion.

All the appointments in the chancel are symbols related to our Lord, the light of the world, the Word of God in the flesh, the covering for our sins, and so on. This evening they are stripped from the altar—which represents Jesus Himself—just as He was struck, humiliated, tortured, and taken to the cross. We then depart until our worship continues tomorrow.

Please observe silence while leaving.

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