



MAUNDY THURSDAY

HIS BODY & BLOOD



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

INVOCATION

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

C: **The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: **We are marked with God’s name, and we now live under the sign of the cross!**

RESPONSIVE READING **Isaiah 25:6-9** [NIV]

P: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

C: **A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

P: On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

C: **The sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever.**

P: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

C: **He will remove His people’s disgrace from all the earth.**

P: The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us.

C: **This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”**

P: This the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL **John 13:1-17** [NIV]

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

⁷Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

⁸“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” ⁹“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” ¹⁰Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

P: This the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN “My Song is Love Unknown” [LW 91, v. 1, 3-4]

SERMON “ZENOBIUS THE SYRIAN”

CORPORATE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Confessional Address...

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“My Faith Looks Trustingly” [LW 378]

“What is This Bread” [LSB 629]

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” [LW 240]

CLOSING HYMN “My Song is Love Unknown” [LW 91, v. 7]

STRIPPING of the ALTAR

Removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments is an ancient custom of the church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. The congregation remains seated during the stripping of the altar as the solemn notes of Theodore Dubois’ “O Vos Omnes” is sung. During this time, you are encouraged to contemplate the humiliation of the Lord. There is no Benediction. After the Pastors leave the chancel area, all leave the Sanctuary in silence. Join us tomorrow evening as we continue the story with our Tenebrae service at 7pm. You may also take part in the “Stations of the Cross” display that will be setup in our foyer beginning at 10am on Friday morning.

~ The congregation leaves in silence ~

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