

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
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God's Grace*

Maundy Thursday

April 1st, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



Image: “...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.” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Order of Service...as outlined in your bulletin...

We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

About this Day—Maundy Thursday (most likely from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning a new commandment) or Holy Thursday begins a single service that spans three days, called the Triduum. What is begun tonight is not concluded until the Easter Vigil or the first Eucharist of Easter Sunday. This is one story told in three parts over three days. This is the story that Jesus began on Palm Sunday when He entered Jerusalem to complete all He had come to accomplish.

The Triduum starts with Passover, the last of the Passovers Jesus would celebrate and the last of the Passovers appointed by God. Things are changing. This final Passover becomes the introduction to the new covenant meal of Jesus' body and blood. The joy of this most sacred meal is tinged with sadness. Someone will betray Jesus---someone close to Him. But this sadness is transformed into joy because this meal points to the eternal banquet which Jesus will eat with us and all His saints in heaven. The betrayal is for a purpose. Jesus will use the events of the next three days to end the reign of sin and death and prepare a whole new future for us, His people. This Holy Supper connects us to what Jesus did and sustains us until we are with Him in heaven for all eternity.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Opening Hymn—543 What Wondrous Love is This (vs. 1-4)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Stand

Invocation—

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution—

Pastor: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

People: Amen.

Pastor: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

People: and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

Pastor: even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

People: and to give His life as a ransom for many." *Matthew 20:26-28*

Pastor: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

People: who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Pastor: but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." *Philippians 2:5-7*

Pastor: Gracious God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world of sin in order to free us from the power of sin and death. He came as a servant and called us to respond to His love for us by loving and serving one another as He loved and served us. Yet we know that we have not loved you or others as we have been loved by you, and we have not served you or others as we have been served by our Lord. Hear us as we confess our lack of love and service.

(A time of silence is observed for personal self-examination and confession.)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People:we confess to you and before one another that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We are especially aware that we have not loved you or our neighbors as we ought, and we have sought to be served rather than to serve you and those around us who need our service. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins, we pray, and renew our hearts and lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard our prayer. He knows of our sin even before we confess it. Yet His love for us is boundless. As your called and ordained pastor, and at the command and promise of my Lord Jesus Christ, it is my duty and my delight to forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:Amen. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Kyrie Prayer—

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace between nations and peoples, for peace in our communities, and for the peace that passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the hearts of many to be open to the proclamation of the Gospel, and for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others, let us pray to the Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For hearts that are rightly prepared to receive the blessed Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who are gathered in this place for worship, that our prayers and praises may rise before the throne of grace as incense, let us pray to the Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People:Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Collect of the Day—

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of your passion. 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; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

Old Testament— Exodus 12:1-14 (*God gives directions for the first Passover.*)

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 116:12-19 (*God’s goodness moves us to respond with thankfulness.*)

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Pastor: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Lesson— 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (*St. Paul instructs us on the Lord's Supper.*)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual & Verse—

Pastor: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

People: Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
John 13:1b

Stand

Holy Gospel— John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (*Jesus washes the feet of His disciples.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith--*Nicene Creed*

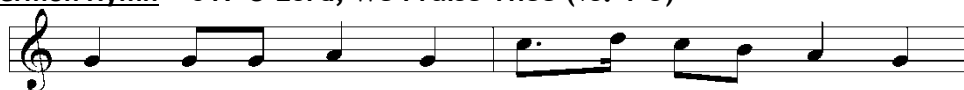
All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all the 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn— 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee (vs. 1-3)



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Sermon—“The New and Better Passover Meal of Meals” (Exodus 12:1-14)

Offering During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord’s Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It’s easy, fast, and secure. If you’re able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write ‘online giving’ on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



Stand

Prayers of the Church—

Pastor: Mighty God, You once delivered your chosen people from slavery in Egypt. Deliver us, we pray, from slavery to sin and death. Let Your Holy Spirit work within us to lead us in the ways of life and service to you and to your people. Bless all who lead us, especially our pastors and teachers, community leaders, parents, and all others. Lord, in your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Father, Your Son gave us a memorial of His death in the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood. As we receive this meal of thanksgiving, grant that our faith may be strengthened, that the burden of our sins may be lifted from us, and that we may be preserved in your loving care until the day we see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us your unbounded love as you came among us and served us. Especially as we think about your suffering and death on our behalf, help us to recognize your love and to let your love pass through us in words and actions of love toward all of your people. Help us to understand and live the servant-life in response to your great love for us. Lord, in your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to us in this end of the ages to be our Savior and Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will.

He is Your Word, inseparable from you. Through Him You made all things and in Him You are well pleased. He is Your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. There He took on our nature and was manifested as Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. It is He who fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. He stretched out His hands in suffering in order to free from suffering all who trust in you.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sanctus (from LSB Divine Service Setting 3)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Pastor: 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."
(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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:

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei *(from LSB Divine Service Setting 3)*

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "Celebrate, Teach, and Confess" the Good News of God's Grace!

Grace Continuous Line Communion—During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.

Distribution Hymn

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table (vs. 1-5)



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole;
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



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

Nunc Dimittis—(from LSB Divine Service Setting 3)

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer

P: Holy Lord, grant to us a full measure of the joy of this Holy Supper, that we may
sustained in hope through all the struggles and sorrows of this mortal life, until we are
delivered upon the holy shore of heaven and eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: As Jesus and His disciples concluded their Passover Meal with praise for the mighty works
of God, so we offer our praises as we sing:

Hymn—436 Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1-3)



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 - rained; 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

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

Psalm—Psalm 22

Pastor: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

People: ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Pastor: ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: ⁴In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Pastor: ⁵To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: ⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

Pastor: ⁷All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

People: ⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Pastor: ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

People: ¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Pastor: ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: ¹²Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

Pastor: ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

People: ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Pastor: ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

People: ¹⁶For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—

Pastor: ¹⁷I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

People: ¹⁸they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Pastor: ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

People: ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Pastor: ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

People: ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Pastor: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

Pastor: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People: ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Pastor: ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

People: ³⁰Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

ALL: ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

(Ending without the benediction reminds us that this service continues tomorrow and concludes finally on Easter.)

Dismissal— *(from the Gospel account of the Lord's Supper)*

P: "When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." *(Mark 14: 26)*

(The congregation leaves in silence.)

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

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