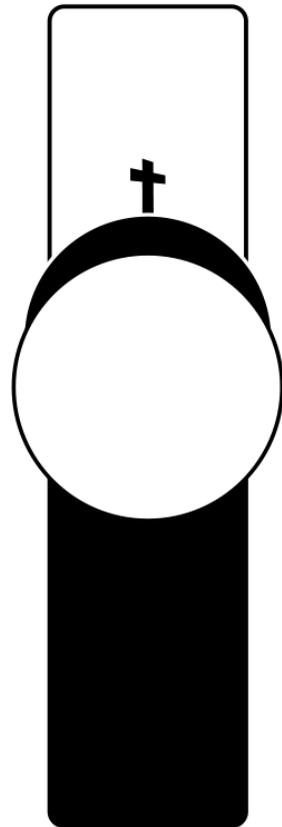
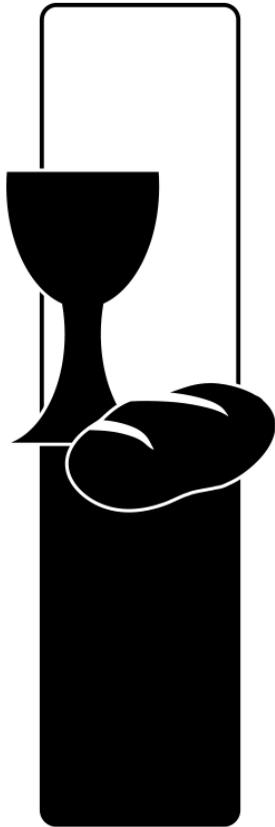




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



TRIDUUM: MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Services of Holy Week

The Triduum

The enormous significance of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection has always been the central focus of Christian worship. After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Church year has reached its climax. This is the celebration for which we have been preparing throughout Lent.

We now see what our Savior came to do. In the upper room, we see the depths of his love as he institutes the Lord's Supper and gives power to his followers to live out his command. On the cross at Calvary, we see the fullness of his devotion as he takes upon himself the sins of the world and suffers and dies on our behalf. At the empty tomb, we see the completeness of his victory as he rises triumphantly on Easter morning and assures us that our salvation is complete. The victory is won.

The three days that mark this climax of the Christian Church year – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday – are known as the *Triduum*, or the Three Holy Days of Christendom. The Triduum services are closely connected with one another. Together, they form a unit – a single worship service that extends over the “three holy days.” Some churches present this worship service in a single continuous service folder. This single service takes us through our Savior's suffering and death to his glorious triumph on Easter dawn.

Because this service is a unit, a few special notes are in order. There is no benediction at the end of the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The benediction will occur at the end of the service on Easter Sunrise morning. In parallel, there is no invocation at the beginning of the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services.

May the risen Christ bless our worship as we celebrate his passion and resurrection.



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

The Battle for Your Soul: The victory celebration.

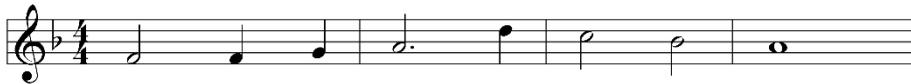
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Opening Hymn

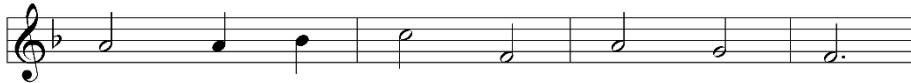
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'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

Christian Worship 136



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
What love through all his ac - tions ran!
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord eat
Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
" 'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

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

C: Amen.

Instruction for the End of Lent

M: 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 if from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt 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, 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 very body and blood of Christ given and shed for our forgiveness and participate in the 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Please kneel

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father; I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The Passover celebrates God's great acts of love and deliverance.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or

the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire – head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn – both men and animals – and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

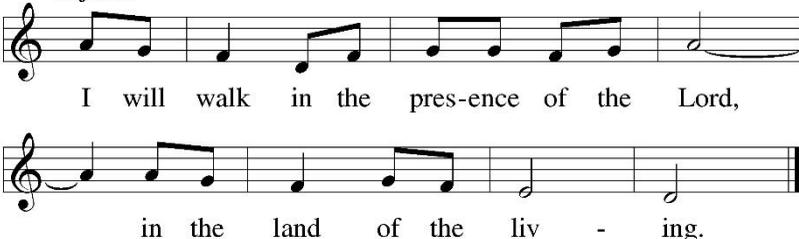
“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD – a lasting ordinance.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116

We celebrate because the LORD has delivered our souls from death.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone



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I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Whenever we eat and drink the Sacrament, we celebrate the victory won by Jesus' death.

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

Verse of the Day

M: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Please stand

Gospel

John 13:1-15, 34

Before celebrating Holy Communion, Jesus sets an example by washing his disciples' feet.

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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

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

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When 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. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Be seated



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 pose You need not him who died and rose.
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 That this food is to be taken Unto us such food has given
 By the souls who are distressed, And, to mend what we have done,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest. Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 Surely you will be his guest
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Sermon

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lamb Dies to Deliver Us

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Maundy Thursday

- M:** Heavenly Father, on this night your Son was handed over as the Passover Lamb so that death might pass over us.
- C:** **Pour out your Spirit upon us that we might remember his sacrifice in repentance and in faith.**
- M:** On this night your Son was denied and betrayed, arrested and falsely accused, and condemned to death.
- C:** **Remind us that all this was necessary so that our sins would not be counted against us.**
- M:** On this night your Son served his disciples and washed their feet, setting an example for them to follow.
- C:** **Cause us to also follow your example and serve those around us in love.**
- M:** On this night your Son prayed for all those who would believe, that they might be brought to complete unity in you.
- C:** **Strengthen us in the unity we enjoy with our brothers and sisters in the faith.**
- M:** On this night your Son gave his body and blood to his apostles as a new covenant, given and poured out for them.
- C:** **Whenever we eat and drink this sacramental meal, assure us of the forgiveness it offers and imparts.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

- M:** On this night your Son entered the dark night of the soul in Gethsemane and watched those around him fall away.
- C:** **Strengthen us as we walk with our Savior, and grant that we may remain faithful until death. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven,**
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

M: Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not able to celebrate the Lord's Supper today. As we eagerly await the day when we will gather together at the Lord's table once again, we join our voices in anticipation of the blessings we will receive then and in thanksgiving for the Savior we already have who continues to build us up by working through his Word. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains of the next hymn.

Be seated

Hymn

Take and Eat

Christian Worship Supplement 741

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: 'Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line: 'giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,'. The third staff concludes the refrain with 'this is my blood giv - en up for you.' and includes a fermata over the final note, with the instruction 'Last time' written above it.

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,

this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

Verses



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day.
A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song.

To Refrain



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

Please stand

M: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave us a new commandment: to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

During the singing of the psalm, the altar will be stripped. This marks the transition from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, this calls to mind how the Lord Jesus, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The events of Good Friday are near.

Closing Psalm

Psalm 88



O LORD, the God who saves me,
day and night I cry out before you.

May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength.

I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care. **Refrain**

You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.
Your wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief. **Refrain**

I call to you, O LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you.
Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?

Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in destruction?
Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

But I cry to you for help, O LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Why, O LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me? *Refrain*

From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death;
I have suffered your terrors and am in despair.

Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.

You have taken my companions and loved ones from me;
the darkness is my closest friend. *Refrain*

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Good Friday, April 10
Afternoon worship at 1:00 p.m.
Tenebrae worship at 6:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12
Sunrise worship at 6:00 a.m.
Festival worship at 8:30 a.m. with organ music beginning at 8:00 a.m.



The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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