

# Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024 7:00pm

## GUIDED *to the* CROSS

*Maundy Thursday*  
**GUIDED TO SERVICE**



*"Now we are released  
from the law,  
having died to that  
which held us captive,  
so that we serve  
in the new way of the Spirit."*

*Romans 7:6*

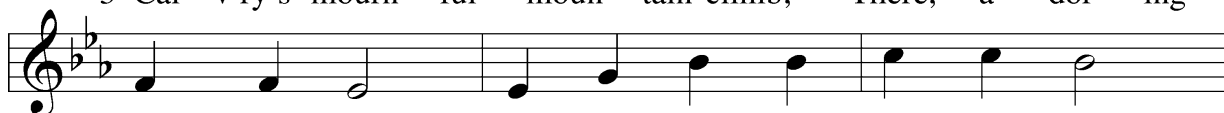
**GUIDED TO THE CROSS**—Welcome to this special service for Maundy Thursday. We read how Jesus washes the disciples' feet in service to them on His way to Calvary. In word and song, we contemplate how to live lives of service to others, guided by Christ and the cross.

## THE GREETING

### THE OPENING HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LSB 436



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



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,



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!"



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.

## THE INVOCATION AND LITANY

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**P** On the night before He died, Jesus spoke to His disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that He alone can give: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**C Jesus, our Savior, set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.**

**P** Jesus told His disciples that He was the true vine and that, abiding in Him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

**C Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as You love us.**

**P** On that same night of His betrayal, the night He would be abandoned by His disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed His disciples' feet. The next day He would lay down His life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of Himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**C Jesus our Savior, set Your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.**

## **J THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS**

**P** Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness. You are now invited to kneel. Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.

**C But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.**

**P** Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.

**C But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.**

**P** Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.

**C But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry. Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.**

**P** God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C Lead us, Jesus, to walk in Your steps in the way of love and service. Amen.**

## **L THE COLLECT**

**P** Lord and Savior, You are the Suffering Servant foretold by the prophet Isaiah. You did not come to be served, but to serve. You have commanded us to love one another. You did not only give the command, but followed it in Your own life and in Your redeeming death. You, the Master and Teacher, washed Your disciples' feet.

**C To wash us clean from sin, You suffered and died on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to follow Your example in our lives. Teach us to serve others in love. Amen.**

## **THE EPISTLE Romans 7:4-6**

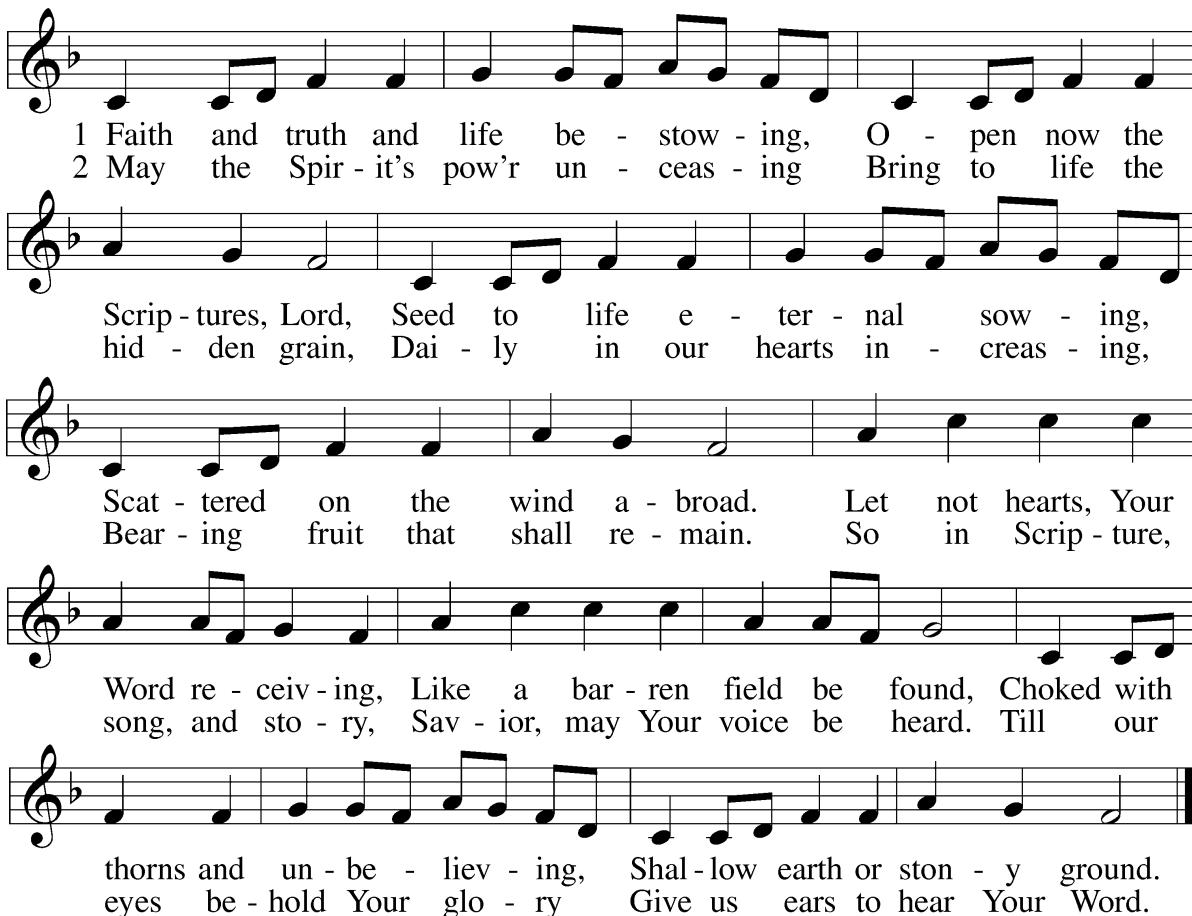
Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us

captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**i** **THE GOSPEL VERSE** *"Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" LSB 584*



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing, Bring to life the  
Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,  
Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,  
Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our  
thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 13:1-17

It 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. <sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you

going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am." <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-*The Apostles' Creed***

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **THE HYMN** *"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (LSB 451)*

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."

### **THE SERMON** *"Guided to the Cross-Guided to Service"*

## THE RESPONSE

One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another in a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

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- P** Merciful God, on this, the night He was betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following His example of love and service, teach us humility.
- C** **On this night, Jesus prayed for His disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.**
- P** On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.
- C** **On this night, Jesus commanded His friends to love, but He suffered rejection Himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with Your love.**
- P** On this night, Jesus reminded His people that, if the world hated them, it had hated Him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us Your peace.
- C** **On this night, Jesus loved His friends to the very end, As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.**
- P** As our night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and Redeemer.
- C** **Loving Lord Jesus, as we remember the meaning of this night, we approach Your table of mercy tonight as unworthy guests.**
- P** In view of Your mercy, move us by Your Spirit to recognize Your presence and receive in true faith the benefits of this meal—the forgiveness of sin, eternal life and the gift of salvation.
- C** **Merciful Lord Jesus, as we approach Your Table tonight, may we reflect on Your sacrifice from the moment You left the joys of heaven to walk this earth to Your hours of great suffering and death on the cross. O Dearest Jesus, we thank You for it all. Amen.**

## THE PREFACE

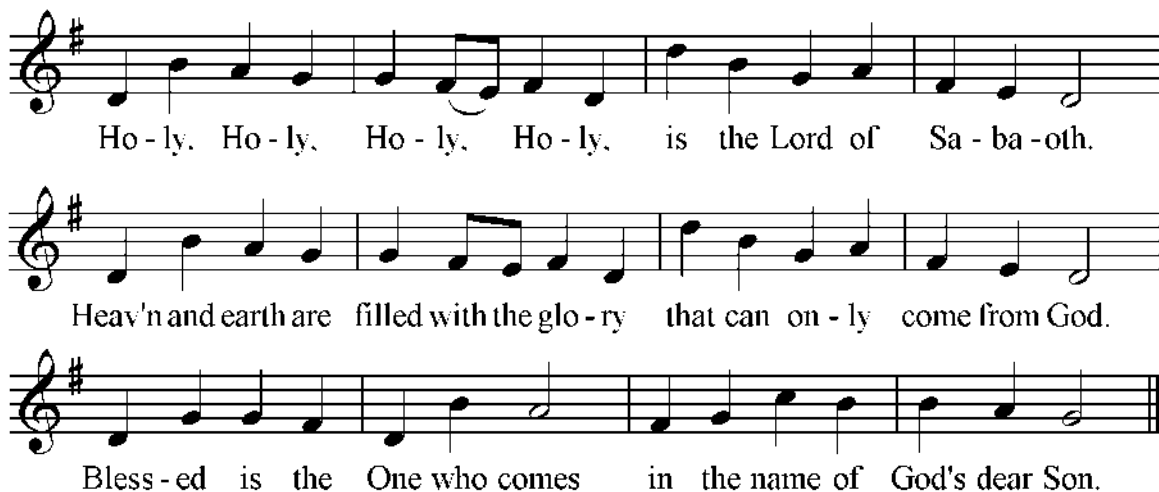
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly good and right 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 invites us to His eternal banquet Table and feeds us with the Bread of Life, which alone satisfies our hungry hearts and enables us to joyfully experience His presence forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord of Sa - ba - oth.

Heav'n and earth are filled with the glo - ry that can on - ly come from God.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of God's dear Son.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

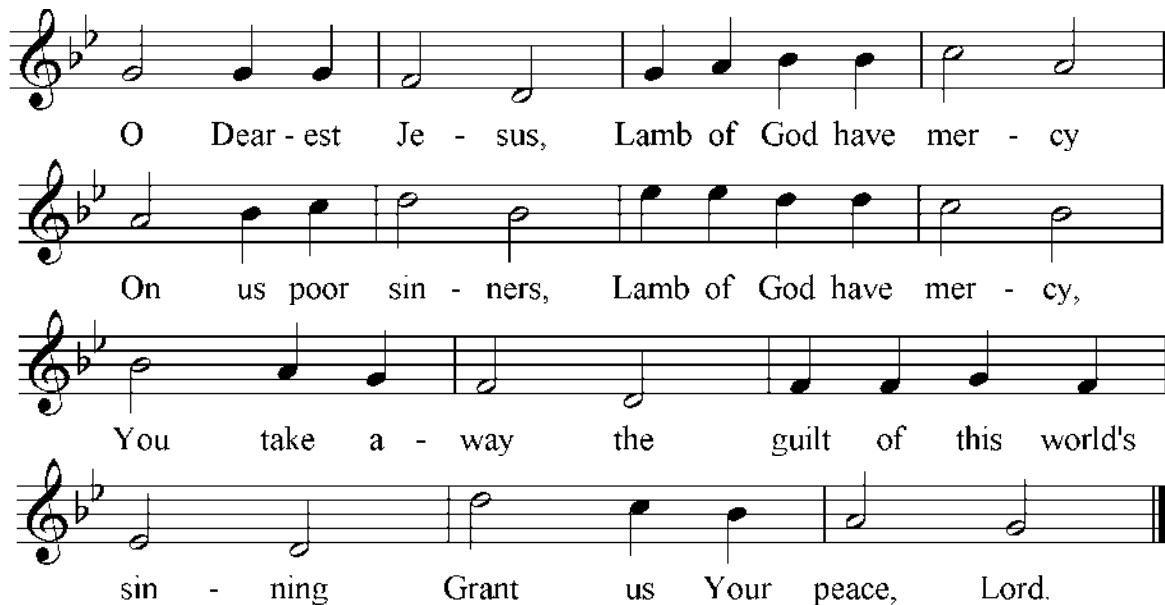
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

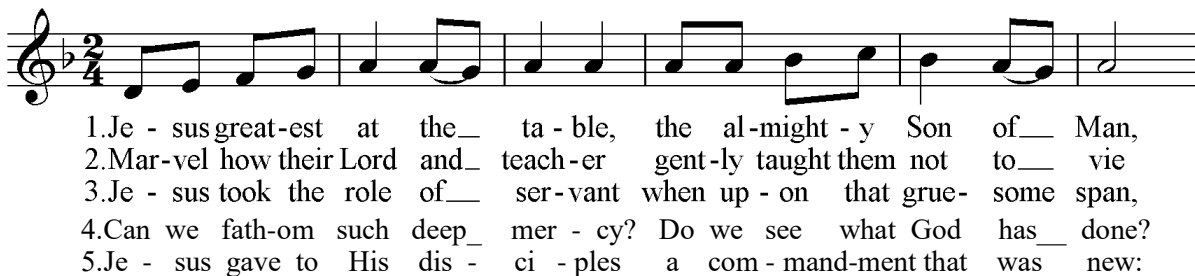


O Dear - est Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy  
On us poor sin - ners, Lamb of God have mer - cy,  
You take a - way the guilt of this world's  
sin - ning Grant us Your peace, Lord.

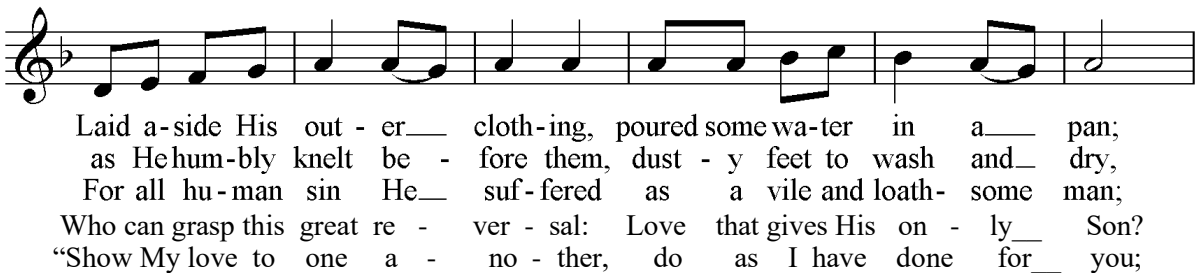
## THE COMMUNION

*If you are a guest with us this evening, please read the back page before communing.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS "Jesus, Greatest at the Table" [LSB 621]

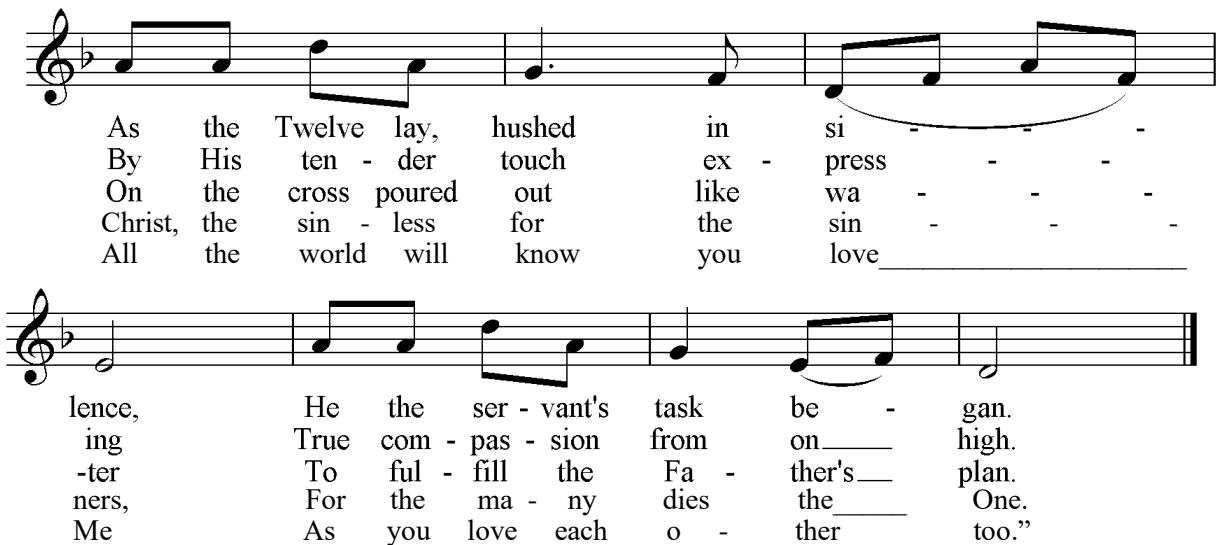


1. Je - sus great - est at the\_\_ ta - ble, the al - might - y Son of\_\_ Man,  
2. Mar - vel how their Lord and\_\_ teach - er gent - ly taught them not to\_\_ vie  
3. Je - sus took the role of\_\_ ser - vant when up - on that grue - some span,  
4. Can we fath - om such deep\_\_ mer - cy? Do we see what God has\_\_ done?  
5. Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples a com - mand - ment that was\_\_ new:



Laid a - side His out - er\_\_ cloth - ing, poured some wa - ter in a\_\_ pan;  
as He hum - bly knelt be - fore them, dust - y feet to wash and\_\_ dry,  
For all hu - man sin He\_\_ suf - fered as a vile and loath - some man;  
Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal: Love that gives His on - ly\_\_ Son?  
"Show My love to one a - no - ther, do as I have done for\_\_ you;





As the Twelve lay, hushed in si - - -  
 By His ten - der touch ex - press - - -  
 On the cross poured out like wa - - -  
 Christ, the sin - less for the sin - - -  
 All the world will know you love - - -

lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.  
 ing True com - pas - sion from on high.  
 -ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.  
 ners, For the ma - ny dies the One.  
 Me As you love each o - ther too."

*"It Happened on That Fateful Night" [LSB 571]*

It happened on that fateful night when pow'rs of earth and hell arose  
 Against the Son, our God's delight and friends betrayed Him to His foes.

Before the bitter scene began, He took the bread, and blest and broke  
 What love through all His actions ran! What wondrous words of love He spoke!

"My body, broken for your sin, receive and eat as living food."  
 He took the cup and blest the wine: "Share this new testament, My blood."

"Do this," He said, "till time shall end, remembering your dying Friend  
 Meet at My table and record the full obedience of your Lord.

O Lord, Your feast we celebrate; we show Your death, we sing Your name  
 Till You return, when we shall eat the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*"Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness" LSB 636*

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.  
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;  
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder  
 That the bread of life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless:  
 With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.  
 Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest Friend, and dearest Treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You and, so favored, never leave You.

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 blessed food from heaven, for our good, Your glory, given.

## **i NUNC DIMITTIS**

Lord, now let Your hum-bled ser-vant, leave this  
place in peace and joy, for I've seen the true sal-  
va-tion, You've pre-pared for all the world. Glo-ry  
to the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit, Three in  
One, as it was in the be-gin-ning, ev-er-  
more God's praise be sung. A-men.

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon, peace, and freedom in this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in our freedom to love and serve our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

**P** As you remember Jesus washing His disciples feet as their Servant, follow His example. Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no man evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, and love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

**C** Amen.

## THE SILENT PRAYER

*Father in heaven, transform me by Your grace and empower me to serve the world around me with Your eyes. Give me Your strength that I may have the privilege of greater revelation of You and Your glory. Thank You for choosing me to be Your disciple and a servant to my neighbors. Amen.*

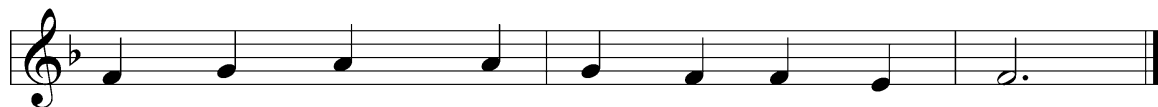
## THE CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need. Amen.

## THE POSTLUDE

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.

## Those Who Served in Worship Tonight

<b>PREACHER</b>	Rev. Matthew Lee
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann
<b>ELDERS</b>	Larry Bryant, Jeff Buchwald, Jack Harkrider, Steven Knoernschild, Grant Simmons
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