

The Order of Divine Service for

# Holy Thursday

April 1, 2021

+ *In Nomine Iesu Christi* +

*As a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are certainly welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing, if it is possible. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.*

The Prelude

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*  
Jan Bender

The Hymn of Invocation

LSB 618

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

The Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

The Confession and Absolution p. 184

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

**C Amen.**

The Introit

P: But far be it from | me to boast\*

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\*

by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

**C: May God be gracious to us and | bless us\***

**and make his face to shine up- | on us,**

**that your way may be | known on earth,\***

**your saving power among all | nations.**

**Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\***

**let all the peoples | praise you!**

**God, our God, shall | bless us.\***

**God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear him!**

P: But far be it from | me to boast\*

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\*

by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

*(Ps 67:1-3, 6b-7; ant. Gal 6:14a, liturgical text)*

The Kyrie

p. 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

p. 189

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Gradual

setting by Matthew Machemer

(7:00 PM – sung by the choir)

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

He remembers his covenant forever

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The Verse

*Return to the Lord*

(7:00 PM – sung by the choir)

Kenneth T. Kosche

Return to the Lord, your God. The Lord is gracious and merciful and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-15, 34-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*following the proclamation of the Holy Gospel*

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

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

p. 191

**C 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.

The Hymn of the Day

LSB 617  
*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
 Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
 That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
 And Thy blood for us plead  
 In all trial, fear, and need:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
 Life to win for us in heaven.  
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
 May this feast thereof remind us!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
 That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
 All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 Peace with God once more is made:  
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
 That we follow Christ our Savior  
 And live together here in love and union  
 Nor despise this blest Communion!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
 Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
 Days of peace and unity:  
 O Lord, have mercy!

The Sermon

*"The Lord Jesus Said..."*  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The Offertory

p. 192

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**  
**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**  
**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church

p. 193

The Preface and Proper Preface

p. 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy 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 meet and right so to do.

The Sanctus p. 195

- 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.

The Lord's Prayer p. 196

The Words of Institution p. 197

The Pax Domini p. 197

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

The Agnus Dei p. 198

- 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.

Hymns during the Distribution

LSB 627

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessèd Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.

- 2 As His pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread,  
And with the wine the blood He shed.

- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;  
Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe,  
His judgment then you shall receive.

- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.

- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.

- 8 "For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?"

- 9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest,  
Be at His banquet truly blest.

- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you  
How much God's wondrous love can do.

LSB 637

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

LSB 634

*The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.

- 3 That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,  
But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins:  
"Given and shed for all your sins."

- 6 They who this word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!

- 7 But blest is each believing guest  
Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain  
With all who here His grace obtain.

- 8 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

LSB 436

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

The Nunc Dimittis p. 199  
**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.**

The Thanksgiving p. 200  
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C and His mercy endureth forever.**  
**A** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus p. 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction p. 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

The Hymn LSB 619  
*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*

- 1 Thy body, given for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

### The Stripping of the Altar

*During the 7:00 p.m. service, while Psalm 22 is chanted by the choir (odd verses) and congregation (even verses), the altar is stripped of its paraments and linens. This is symbolic of the fact that after Holy Thursday and before His crucifixion, our Lord was stripped of His clothes. He was stripped naked that we who are naked in our sins might be clothed with His righteousness. Psalm 22 rehearses the humiliation of Christ at the hand of the soldiers as well as other themes of the Passion.*

### **Psalm 22**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my |  
groaning?

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\***  
**and by night, but I | find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

<sup>4</sup>**In you our fathers | trusted,\***  
**they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued,\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>**But I am a worm and | not a man,\***  
**scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>**“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\***  
**let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*

you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.

<sup>10</sup>**On you was I cast | from my birth,\***  
**and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

<sup>12</sup>**Many bulls en- | compass me;\***  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

<sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are | out of joint;\***  
**my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my  
jaws;\*

you lay me in the | dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>**For dogs en- | compass me;\***  
**a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my |**  
**hands and feet—**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*  
they stare and gloat | over me;

<sup>18</sup>**they divide my garments a- | mong them,\***  
**and for my clothing they | cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver my soul | from the sword,\***  
**my precious life from the power | of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! \*  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

+ *Soli Deo Gloria* +

<sup>22</sup>**I will tell of your name to my brothers; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, \*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>**For 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.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; \*  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall  
praise the LORD! \*  
May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>**For kingship belongs to the LORD, \*  
and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>All 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.

<sup>30</sup>**Posterity shall serve him; \*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn, \*  
that he has done it.

The Participants

The Preacher

Rev. Dr. Karl F. Fabrizio

The Organist

Mr. Stephen P. Johnson

The Choir (7:00 PM)

Men's Choir

Please mark your calendars for the following special service times:

*Friday, April 2*

*4:30 & 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service*

*Sunday, April 4*

*6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 am – Easter Divine Service*

*Christ's humiliation for us should incite us to true humility in our lives.  
After the stripping of the altar, the congregation leaves in silence to  
return on the morrow for the observance of the crucifixion of our Lord.*