

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**OPENING HYMN** – *Just as I Am, without One Plea*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871  
Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68  
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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the serving Son and of the guiding Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: On the night He was to be betrayed, Jesus rose from supper, took a towel, girded Himself with it and washed His disciples' feet.

**People: We come tonight to remember His humble service, and to be strengthened to be servants like Him.**

Pastor: On the night before He died, Jesus took bread and the cup and gave Himself to His disciples.

**People: We come tonight to receive Jesus again in His holy supper and to celebrate His gift to us.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: When Jesus took the towel, Peter at first refused to have Jesus wash his feet.

**People: We too, in pride and self-righteousness often refuse the humble service of our Lord who wants to wash us clean. Lord Jesus, forgive us our conceit and vanity.**

Pastor: When Jesus commands us to take up the towel, how often we refuse.

**People: The task of service is too menial, too unpleasant, too loathsome for our refined sensibilities. Lord Jesus, forgive us our reluctance to serve.**

Pastor: When Jesus took the cup, He said, "This is My blood of the new testament which is poured out for many."

**People: It is for my sin that Your blood was poured out, O Lord. For me You gave Your life. It fills me with remorse as I confess my sin, my part in Your death. Forgive me, O Lord, according to Your mercy.**

Pastor: Believe in that forgiveness. It is real. It is true. And it is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and according to His command I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, since You became a servant, gave us Your body and blood, and commanded us to remembrance and to service, may the sacrament of Holy Communion give us strong faith and ardent love that we may serve You without ceasing. You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**PSALMODY** – Psalm 116:12-19

**Pastor:** How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

**Men:** **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Women:** **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of His people.**

**Pastor:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

**Men:** **O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have freed me from my chains.**

**Women:** **I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Pastor:** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,

**Men:** **In the courts of the house of the Lord –**

**Women:** **In your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

**All:** **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.**

**HYMN** – “*Glory Be to Jesus*”



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!

**SERMON** – *Pastor Matt Wallis*

**OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Once You knelt to wash Your disciples feet, teach us Your love and empower us with Your Spirit that we may manifest this saving love to those around us. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Once You set apart bread and wine to be Your own precious body and blood, renew our faith that we may come to Your table and receive in faith the gifts of forgiveness and life which are imparted in this Holy Supper. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Once You were betrayed by one whom You loved into suffering and death for us and our sins, grant us the courage to believe and the wisdom to recognize the power of temptation and evil that through Your Spirit we might resist. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Once You made known Your love for the least, the lost, and the suffering, send now Your healing love on all who are sick and bring them hope and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Once You prayed that your disciples might be one, send now the Spirit of unity and peace to Your Church. Where it is in error, bring truth; where it is divided, bring reconciliation; and where it is persecuted, bring strength and confidence. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Once You suffered when Pilate condemned You, send now Your peace to our world, equip leaders to serve with justice and integrity, preserve the freedom which we enjoy, and protect the weak from oppression. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

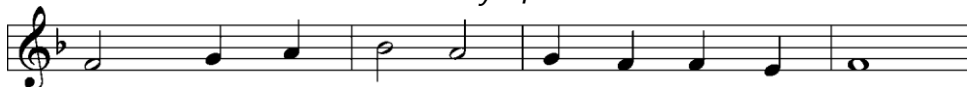
Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as  
 we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and  
 the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

## COMMUNION INVITATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

### PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust;  
they trusted and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.  
<sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the LORD,” they say,  
“let the LORD rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
since he delights in him.”

<sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.  
<sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you;  
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.  
<sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains encircles me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
<sup>17</sup> All my bones are on display;  
people stare and gloat over me.  
<sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment.

- <sup>19</sup> But you, LORD, do not be far from me.  
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- <sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- <sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,
- <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD  
and he rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!

## **Benediction**

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

People **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** – *“O Sacred Head”*

## *"Maundy Thursday"*

The disciples were gathered to observe the Passover. For Israel, the Passover was celebrated to remember how God saved them while they were captives from the angel of death as he "passed over" their blood-stained doorframes. After Jesus' death on the cross, the blood of God's Lamb, Jesus, would forever cover the hearts of his people so God's judgment would pass over us.

The Thursday of Christ's last week is called "Maundy Thursday." *Maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means command, after the new command Jesus gave to his disciples that night, "Love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

On that Thursday, Jesus took on the role of the servant and washed the disciples' feet in love. In love he instituted the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper, received in faith, assures us of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. We are also restored and strengthened in our relationship with our heavenly Father so we can walk in newness of life to serve Him. Jesus' ministry is one of always reconciling us to God and to each other.

