



Maundy Thursday

**OPENING HYMN:** Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior

**CW 313 v. 1-2**

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
turned away God's wrath forever;  
by his bitter grief and woe  
he saved us from the evil foe.

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.

P: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13: 34

**C: Our Lord Jesus Christ says “If you love me, keep my commandments.”**

John 14:15

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

**C: O Lord, may Your word instruct us in this precious sacrament.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ says “If you love me, keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

**C: O Lord, grant us faith to believe this divine mystery.**

P: “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” John 13:8

## **THE ORIGINS OF THE LAST SUPPER**

P: The Passover Meal was made into the Lord's Supper when our Lord celebrated this meal for the last time with disciples before His death. We celebrate this Supper in the resurrection faith, through which we see the significance of what Jesus did at the Last Supper and which we will recall tonight. Let us now, then, confess that faith, in the words of scripture:

**C: For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. --**

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

P: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the

one loaf. 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17

**C: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. -- Romans 6:9-11**

P: For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who offered himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of his precious blood. This is the night when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality

**C: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. --**  
1 Corinthians  
15:20-22

**HYMN:**      *The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord*      CW 135: v.1-3

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;  
He full atonement for us made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.

3 That this is now and ever true  
He gives an earnest ever new:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the LORD.

I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

**HYMN:** *The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord*

CW 135: v.4-6

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 A precious food is this indeed,--  
It never fails us in our need--  
A heav'nly manna for our soul  
Until we safely reach our goal.

6 O blest is each believing guest  
Who in this promise finds His rest,  
For Jesus will in love abide  
*With those who do in Him confide.*

**LESSON:** Hebrews 10:15-25

The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

<sup>16</sup>This is the covenant I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord.  
I will put my laws on their hearts  
and I will write them on their mind.

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds: And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.  
<sup>18</sup>Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.  
<sup>19</sup>Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus.  
<sup>20</sup>It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh.  
<sup>21</sup>We also have a great priest over the house of God.  
<sup>22</sup>So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.  
<sup>23</sup>Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.  
<sup>24</sup>Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works.  
<sup>25</sup>Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**SERMON** WHERE IS GOD? HE IS SERVING A MEAL FOR US

**PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ says "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." (John 13:8) Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we are by nature sinful and unclean. By our very conception we are objects of your anger. We have produced the fruits of that inherited sin by sinning against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, said and done. Whether it was through ignorance, through weakness, or through our own deliberate fault, we have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us and help us again to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE CONSECRATION**

P: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**C: I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**  
(Ps:116 11-12)

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table* CW 310 v.12, 15

With you, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in you and you in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It find its peace on Calvary.  
Lord, may your body and your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

My heart has now become your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may your body and your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!