

Service Booklet

for Maundy Thursday

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Holy (Maundy) Thursday, occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy "Three Days" of Christ's Passover (*Pascha*), commonly known as the *Triduum*. Each service of the *Triduum* flows into the next, all of them being treated as a single unit, not as three separate services. The order of service is shortened to allow for the extended reading from St. John's Gospel. The responsive Litany is used in place of the General Prayer. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday Service: This is the Second Service of the *Triduum*. During this service, which is held during the hours of darkness (12 – 3PM), the Passion History for Good Friday will be read from St. Matthew's Gospel, and Holy Communion will be offered to communicant members of the congregation.

Easter Vigil: This is the Third Service of the *Triduum*, held on Saturday evening just after sunset, which is already the beginning of Easter Sunday, according to Hebrew reckoning. The Paschal Candle is used prominently in the service, which consists of the Service of Light, Service of the Word, Service of Holy Baptism, Service of Prayer, and Service of Holy Communion.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Fri., Apr. 3 - Good Friday Service, 1 PM
- Sat., Apr. 4 - Easter Vigil, 7:30 PM
- Sun., Apr. 5 - Easter breakfast, 8:30 AM
- Divine Service for the Feast of the Resurrection, 10:15 AM

The Order of the Divine Service for Maundy Thursday

HYMN

TLH #164 – ‘Twas on That Dark That Doleful Night

Stand

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



A - - - - men.

THE EXAMINATION AND ABSOLUTION

The Pastor addresses and examines the Congregation, after which he pronounces the Absolution:

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 to 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 *(spoken)* Amen.

THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, who, in a wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant that we may so use this Sacrament of Your

THE LITANY *(in place of the General Prayer)*

The congregation responds after each line.

O Lord: }
O Christ: }
O Lord: }

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

Lord God, Father in heaven: }
Lord God, Son of God, Redeemer of the world: }
Lord God, Holy Spirit: }

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us:
Be gracious unto us:

**Spare us, good Lord.
Help us, good Lord.**

From every sin: }
From every error: }
From every evil: }
From the cunning and snares of the devil: }
From sudden and evil death: }
From pestilence and famine: }
From war and bloodshed: }
From rebellion and contention: }
From lightning and tempest: }
And from everlasting death: }

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation: }
By Your holy nativity: }
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation: }
By Your agony and bloody sweat: }
By Your cross and Passion: }
By Your death and burial: }
By Your holy resurrection and ascension: }
And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the }
Comforter: }

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation: }
In all time of our prosperity: }
In the hour of our death: }
And at the last judgment: }

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You:

To hear us, O Lord God,

And to rule and govern Your holy Christian }
Church: }
To preserve all pastors and ministers of the }
Church in sound doctrine and in holy living: }

Hear us, good Lord.

To curb all schisms and causes of offense:
To restore the erring and those who are deceived:
To trample Satan under our feet:
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest:
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and
power:
To raise up those who fall and to strengthen those
who stand:
To encourage and help those who are timid and
distressed:
To give peace and concord to all rulers:
To prosper our nation in all righteous endeavors:
To direct and defend our president and all in
authority:
To bless and keep our magistrates and all our
people:

Hear us, good Lord.

To regard and deliver the afflicted and those who
are in danger:
To grant safe delivery to pregnant women and to
preserve their children in health:
To strengthen and protect the little children and
those who are sick:
To set the captives free:
To defend and provide for all widows and
orphans:
To have mercy upon all men:
To forgive and convert our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers:
To give and preserve the fruits of the earth:
And graciously to hear our prayers:

Hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

Hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world:

Grant us Your peace.

O Christ:

Hear us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



R It is good and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the bread of the Holy Supper gives us His true body and with the wine gives us His true blood, that, being thus united with Him in His sacrifice on the cross, we may by faith receive the forgiveness of all our sins.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts;



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.



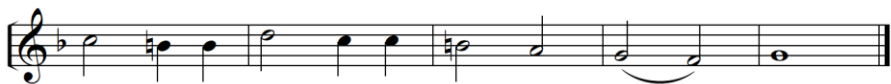
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



C For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow'r, and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Pastor shall consecrate the elements for Holy Communion, proclaiming the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar.

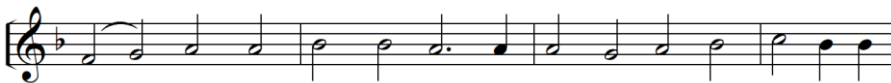
THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

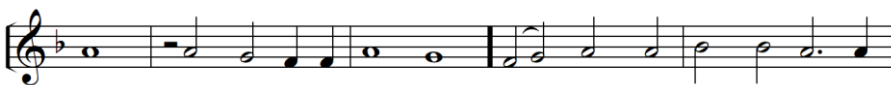


R A - - - - men.

THE AGNUS DEI



O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, who

takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - - - - - men.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of our congregation are invited to come forward to receive the Lord's body and blood. During the distribution, the congregation may sing the Distribution Hymn, as time permits.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN TLH #305 – *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

The collect is spoken, concluding... "one God, forever and ever."

G Amen.

Sit

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

HYMN TLH #150 – *Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth*

The Congregation sings stanzas 1,3 & 5 – the words of The Soul.

The Pastor sings stanzas 2 & 4 – the words of Jesus.

During the hymn the Communion vessels are removed and the altar is solemnly stripped as a picture of the Lord's abandonment by His disciples on Maundy Thursday. The pastor exits the chancel, carrying the Paschal candle.

The congregation may depart as the post-service music begins to play.