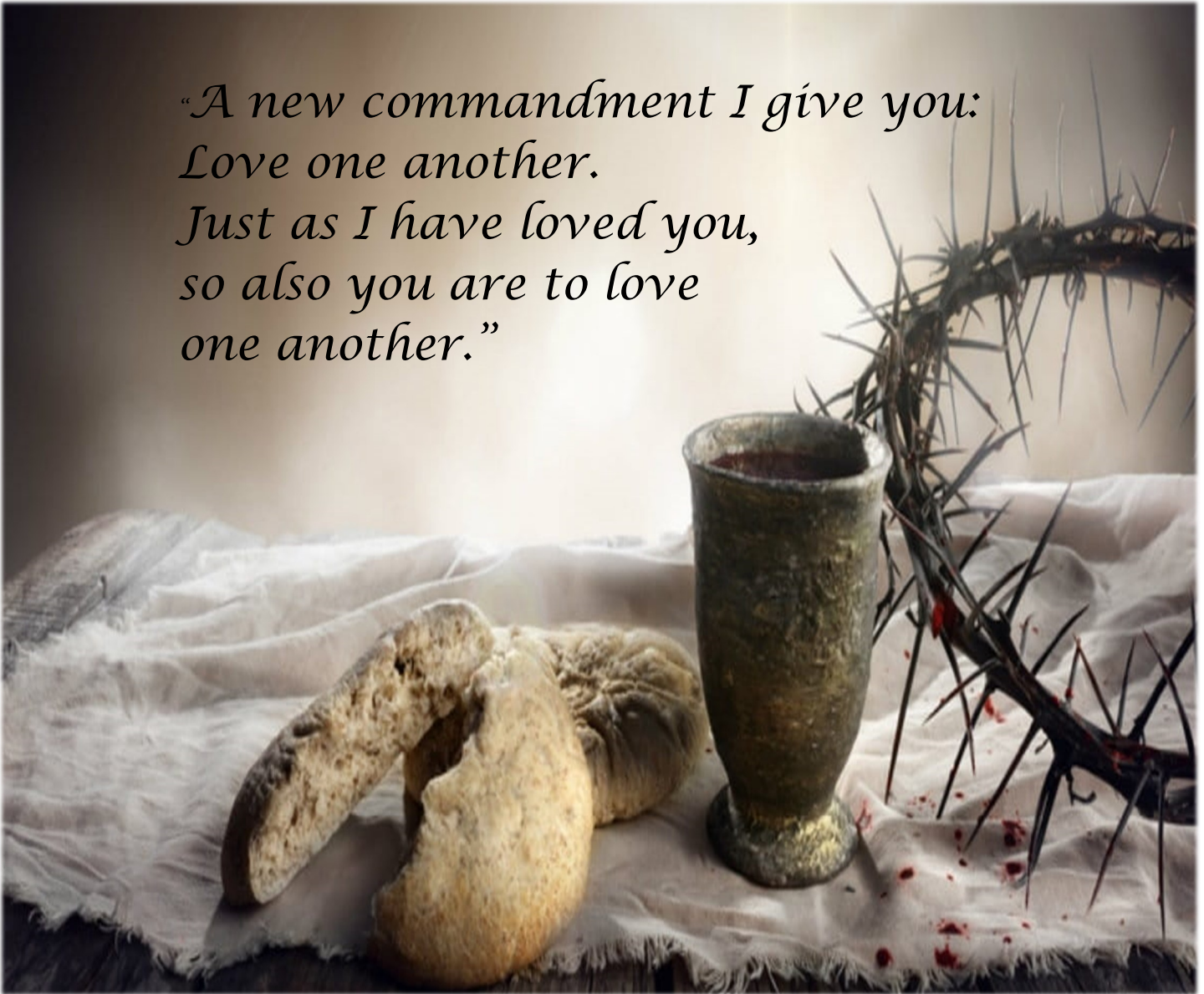


*“A new commandment I give you:  
Love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
so also you are to love  
one another.”*



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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required: *If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and re-usable available*

Please socially distance in the sanctuary: *Families can sit together with no restrictions; Please sit every other pew (sit where there are no chains) & stay six feet apart*

Offerings: *Leave your offering in the plates at the end of the aisle*

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and whenever you touch any commonly touched surface

Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and try to not touch your face

### We're Live!

If you can't make it church for worship, you now have the option of joining us LIVE every Sunday on our Facebook page! We are able to live stream and will do so every Sunday at 9 am. If you miss it, you can always go back and watch later!



Be sure to "like" our Facebook page and start watching live! Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!



If you want to bring spring flowers/plants to beautify the altar for Easter Sunday, please bring your flowers/plants to the church kitchen on Saturday, April 3, between 9-10 am.

Please call Doreen Walton at 920- 647-0682 with questions.

**ORGANIST:** J. Bartel (6:30 pm) **HYMN****SOFT:** R. Rudolph (12 pm)  
**ELDER:** J. Schroeder (12 pm); G. Oelke (6:30 pm)  
**SOUND:** K. Bohn (12 pm)

Today is called "Maundy Thursday."

It's the night Jesus gave his disciples a new command (mandate) to love one another. Today we close the penitential season of Lent and begin our celebration of the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

The services of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) form a single devotional unit. Please plan on participating in each service.



The practice of examining yourself before communing is a Scriptural directive. On the next two page is a series of questions and answers that will help you prepare yourself to come to the Lord's Table.



## PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food*

*and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

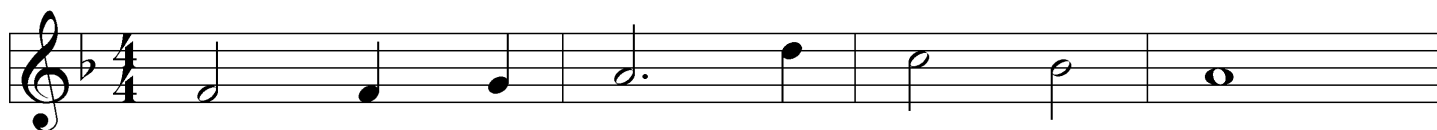
**Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.**



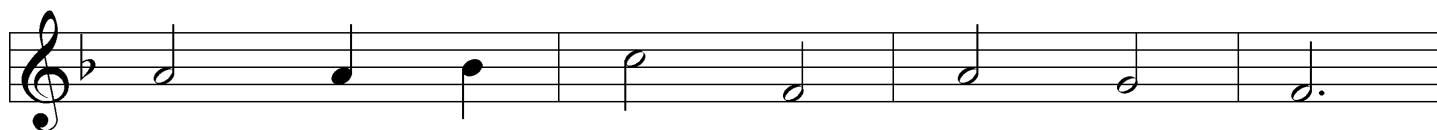
The Church calls this day Maundy because of Jesus' new command in the Gospel that his followers love one another. Christ shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. Reconciled to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we follow his command to love each other.

## Opening Hymn 136

*'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night*



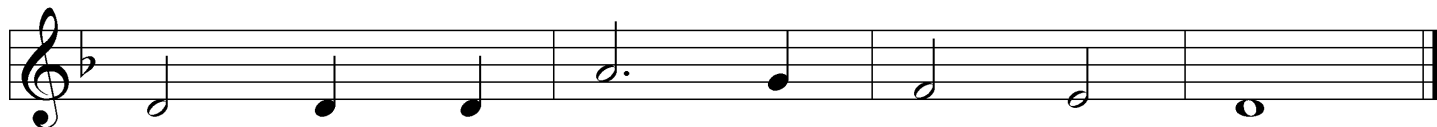
1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night  
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,  
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;  
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose  
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."  
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;  
 We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,  
 What love through all his ac - tions ran!  
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord  
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.  
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!  
 "Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."  
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."  
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

## **Sermon**      Hands of Humility

*John 13:1-5, 12-17 Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.*

*<sup>2</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

*<sup>12</sup> After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup> Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

## **Instructions for the End of Lent**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, just as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate very personally in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for meditation*





Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promises that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



# THE WORD

## First Lesson Exodus 12:21-30



<sup>21</sup> Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take lambs for yourselves according to your family size, and slaughter the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> You shall take a bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and paint the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you are to go out of the door of your house until morning.

<sup>23</sup> When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

<sup>24</sup> "You shall observe these instructions as a perpetual regulation for you and your descendants. <sup>25</sup> When you enter the land that the LORD will give you just as he said he would, you shall observe this ceremony. <sup>26</sup> So when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' <sup>27</sup> you will say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Passover to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. When he struck the Egyptians, he spared our houses.'"

The people bowed down and worshipped. <sup>28</sup> The Israelites went and did all this. They did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

<sup>29</sup> At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, even all the firstborn of the livestock. <sup>30</sup> During the night Pharaoh got up—he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians—and there was a loud outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

## Psalm 116

### *Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

### *Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me. *Refrain*

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

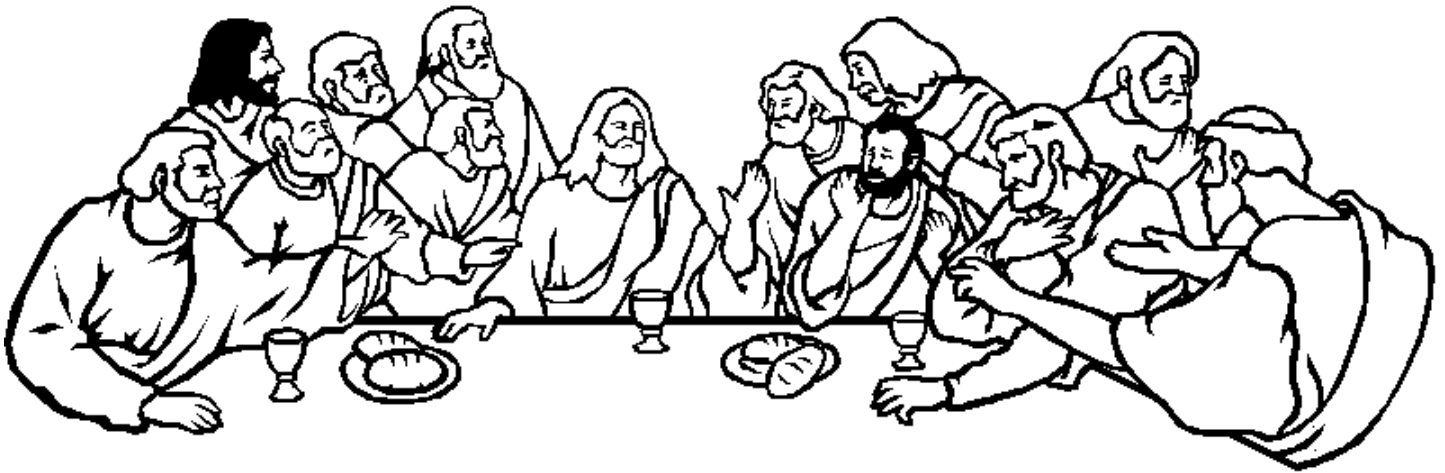
Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### *Refrain*

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## Second Lesson      1 Corinthians 10:16-17

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.



**Verse of the Day** (*1 Corinthians 11:26*) For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Gospel      Mark 14:12-26

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.

<sup>14</sup> Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup> His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

<sup>18</sup> While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

<sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. <sup>21</sup> Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take it. This is my body."

<sup>23</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**







1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -  
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and  
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the  
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -  
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -  
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.  
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 pose You need not him who died and rose.  
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
 That this food is to be taken  
 By the souls who are distressed,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 Unto us such food has given  
 And, to mend what we have done,  
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 Surely you will be his guest  
 And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

## Gathering of the Thank Offering

*Due to the pandemic, we will not be passing the plate. Please leave your offering in either plate at the end of the aisle.*

## Prayer of the Church for Maundy Thursday

Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

**We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

**We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

**We also give you thanks.**

Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

**We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

**But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

**Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

**Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.**

# 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.

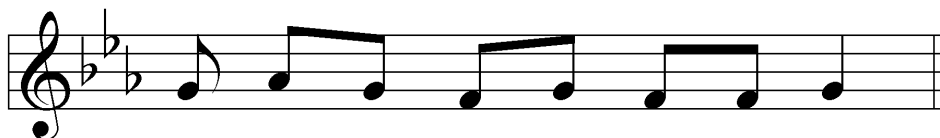
## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



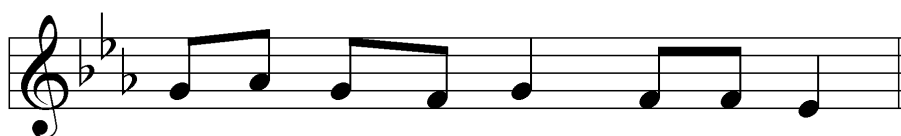
**C: And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

C: 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. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

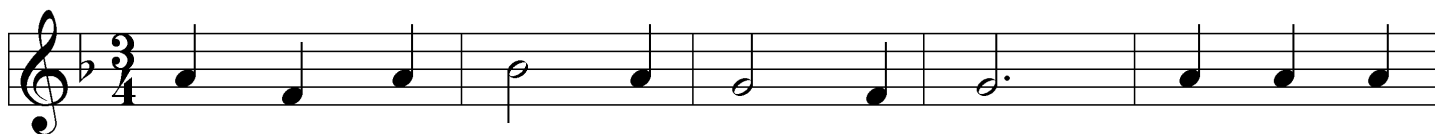


grant us your peace. A - men.



## BE SEATED

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 135    *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,      We cel - e -  
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood      The judg - ment  
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be      He gives a  
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve      That in this  
5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed—      It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord;      It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood;      He full a - tone - ment  
sol - emn guar - an - tee;      In this his ho - ly  
sup - per we re - ceive      His ver - y bod - y,  
fails us in our need—      A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress,      Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
for us made,      And all our debt he ful - ly paid.  
sup - per here      We taste his love, so sweet, so near.  
as he said,      His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.  
for our soul      Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

6 Oh, 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.

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

7 The guest that comes with true intent  
To turn to God and to repent,  
To live for Christ, to die to sin,  
Will thus a holy life begin.

9 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your supper and in you find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

# THANKSGIVING

Hymn 317 v. 1

*O Lord, We Praise You*

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks-giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your bod - y and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And your blood for us plead In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET (PM) *Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

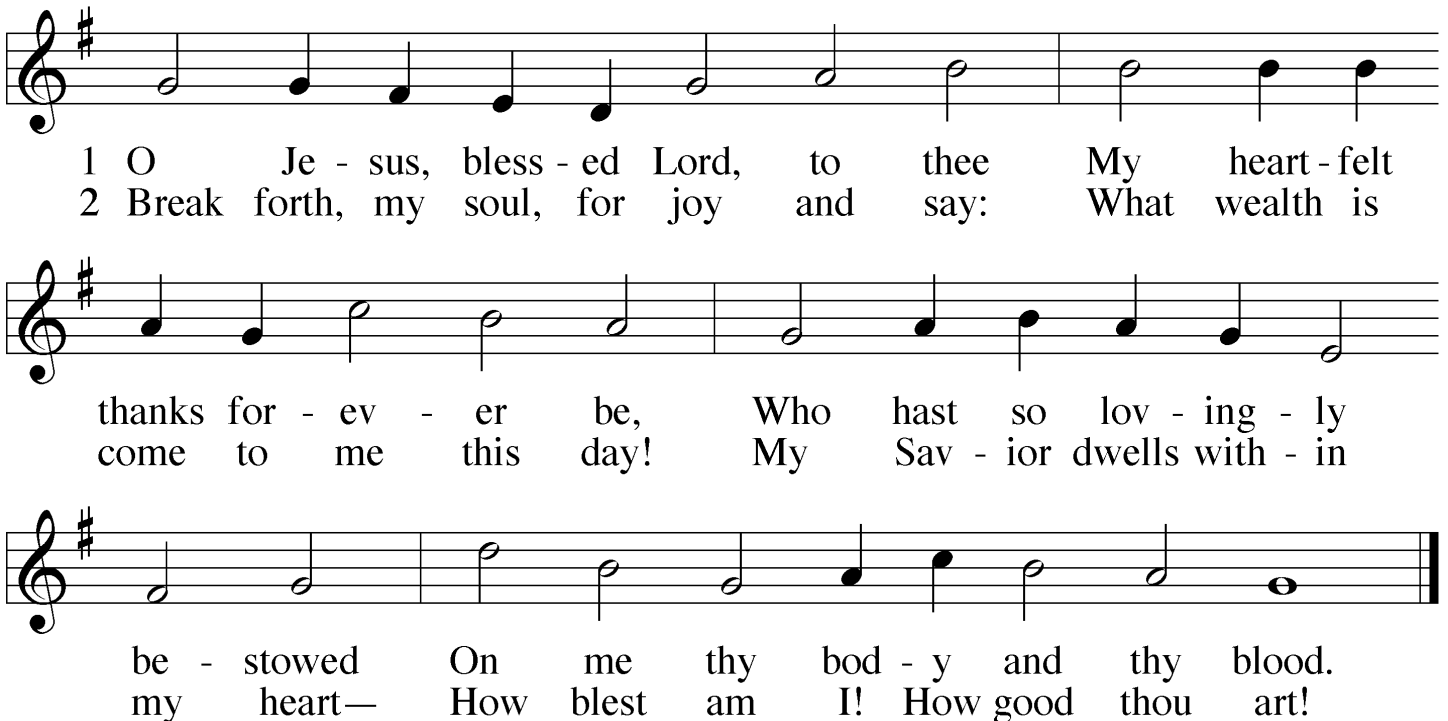


## Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this holy night we thank you for the remembrance of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom we receive in partaking of this bread and wine. Make this night, for us, a memorial of his death and passion, which was sealed by his resurrection. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Closing Hymn 316 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.  
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

The service concludes with no blessing since Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are to be considered one continuous service of our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection. These events are the heart of our faith!



Maundy Thursday is a special day. Jesus gave a new command: Love and serve each other. He also instituted Holy Communion.