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The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us

*Maundy Thursday Service
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AS WE GATHER

When Christians gather as the church, it is for what we normally call a “service.” In daily life a “service” is, of course, a person or group who provides something of value to others; for instance, a food service, a cleaning service, or a place for “servicing” your car. But when we gather as church for a service, who is doing the serving and who is being served? After all, with our eyes we only see one another singing and praying, making the sign of the cross, standing, sitting, kneeling, baptizing with water, and communing with bread and wine. It is easy for some to get the impression that this activity we call “worship” is a gathering where we are doing something for God. What is really going on of most importance is God’s doing, God’s serving us through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. This divine service was most dramatically shown in this night on which our Lord Jesus serves and feeds us.

Tonight, our mighty Lord, who has proved His power over demons, sickness, and even death, takes the humbler part. His loving service is shown, first, by taking the role of a servant washing His disciples’ feet. His greatest and chief service, however, He announced as He took charge of the ancient Passover meal, changing it from a mere memorial of what God has done in the Old Testament exodus of the past to its fulfillment in what He was about to accomplish in His innocent, bitter suffering and death on a cross. From now on, the fulfillment of the annual Passover feast is to be celebrated “often” as the chief means by which God literally connects us with our Lord’s crucified body and His precious blood that take away the sin of the world “as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup” (*LSB*, p. 162).

HOLY COMMUNION Our Lord shares with us His precious Body and Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of the Christian Faith:

- ✠ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.
- ✠ I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.
- ✠ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit’s help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

**** individual cups in the center ring of each tray are non-alcoholic wine ****

INVOCATION AND EXHORTATION (Pastor / Congregation)

P: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

P: *I will go to the altar of God,*

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: *Our help is in the name of the LORD,*

C: who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Joel 2:13

P: *During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another.*

By God's Word, during these forty days we have been reminded that the true repentance, faith, and love required of us is and can only be the product of God's own action on our behalf. In Jesus we have seen the very hand of God working to save us by serving us. He is the Hand of the Lord who freely gives Himself in love for us, the Hand of the Lord who created us, and the Hand of the Lord who casts out demons, who heals the sick, who raises the dead, and who holds all things together as the mighty Savior, who reigns over all.

This night we gather at the Lord's invitation to complete our Lenten discipline by examining ourselves, receiving Holy Absolution of all our sins, and by means of the Sacrament of the Altar, being made actual participants in the body and blood of Christ, the precious price of our salvation. Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: Amen.

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**** Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. ****

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: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

P: 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.

INTROIT

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

C: our God is merciful.

P: I love the Lord, because he has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: therefore, I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord.

C: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

C: our God is merciful.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: O Lord, in this Sacrament You graciously come to us as both host and meal.

C: Grant that Your precious body and blood will so strengthen us that in our thinking, speaking, and acting we may show forth the covenant of Your grace in which we live;

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the

household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For

as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 worshipped 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

LSB 642

SERMON

The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"In Christ Alone"

(lyrics on page 14)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, as we conclude these holy forty days of Lent and enter the three days of our Lord's Passion, death, and rest in the tomb, we give You thanks that You have shown Him to be for us Your very hand of our creation and life; our victorious Lord over the adversary Satan and his hordes; our Great Physician, who heals our diseases; our Lord of Life, who raises us from death; and our all-powerful Lord in whom all things hold together whether on earth or in heaven. Tonight, as He demonstrated His love at His Last Supper, make us to be servants of love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Defend Your whole church throughout the world, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen all pastors to rightly preach and administer Your Sacraments. Sanctify Your faithful people, making them perfect in faith, love, and in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless the missions of Your church, the newly established congregations, and those that reach out across the world with the light of Your truth and witness to Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead a peaceable life in all honesty and integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear offices of the authority of government in our land and help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, bring them healing, in Your time, and in Your way. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ The Service of the Sacrament ‡

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.


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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

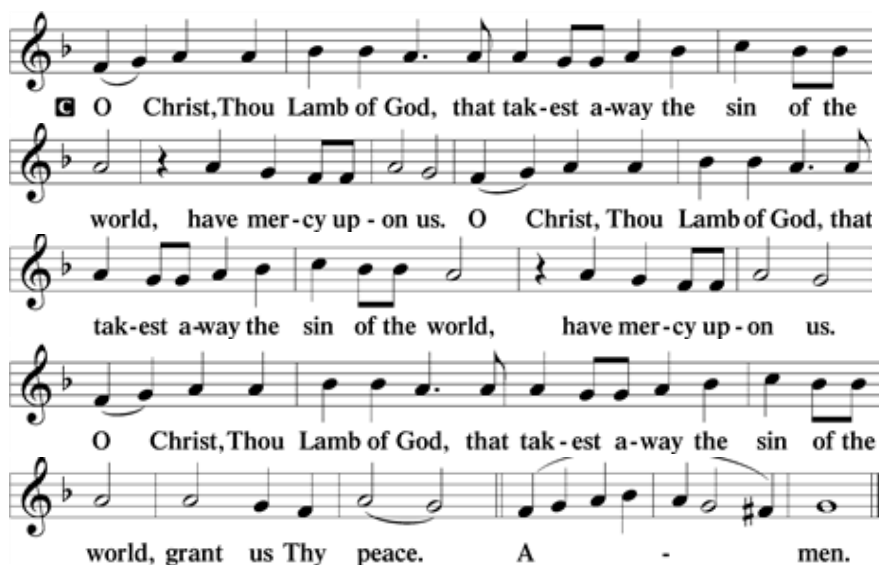
C: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you, This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying. "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

C: Amen.



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637*

THE CLOSING COLLECT

P: *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 give us*

through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR This Maundy Thursday Service is the first part of a three-part service known in the Church as the Easter Triduum. What that means is that this service does not end tonight, but continues tomorrow with the **Good Friday service at 5:00 pm**, which is the second part, and finally concludes on **Saturday with the Easter Vigil, at 5:00 pm**. Each service focuses on a different part of the last three days of Jesus life, death, and resurrection. We close our time tonight remembering all that Jesus gave up for us by removing all things from the altar and remember what they represent in the life of our Lord. When the final things are removed, a crown of thorns will be placed on the altar, following that ***we will leave this House of the Lord in silence.***

P: As Jesus gave up His life so that we might live ours out, free from our sins because of His sacrifice, so we remove the signs of life from our altar as well.

Plants/flowers are removed

P: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Candles are extinguished and removed

P: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

Offerings are removed

P: The missal stand holds the Holy Bible, the Word of God. As God the Father was silent when His Son died, and as Jesus will lay silent in the tomb, we remove God's Word from the altar.

Missal stand and Bible are removed

P: Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us throughout the ages in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this holy mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

Communion vessels removed

P: Just as Jesus shed blood covers our sin and cloaks us with His righteousness, so too the white covering of the altar reminds us of what He accomplished. The purple paraments remind us of Jesus rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords. As our King was removed from us when He was taken from the cross to the grave, so we remove these cloths as well.

All cloth from the altar, the pulpit, and the lectern are removed

Entrance of the Crown of Thorns

(In silence, a crown of thorns is processed and placed on the altar. There is a time of silent meditation and then the congregation leaves in silence.)

BIBLE READINGS Holy Week, and especially the days leading up to Easter Sunday and beyond, are a perfect time to reconnect with our daily reading of scripture. To assist you in this good work, following are the lessons assigned for the rest of this weekend and the two weeks that follow:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, John 18:1-19-42, Psalm 29,
Genesis 1:1-2:3, Psalm 31:1-11, Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13,
Exodus 14:10-15:1, Daniel 3, Job 10:23-27, Luke 24:1-12.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57, John 20:1-18, Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26,
May the Lord bless you richly as you draw closer to Him in His Word, this week.

In Christ Alone Lyrics

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light
my strength my song.
This Cornerstone
this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm
What heights of love
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world
by darkness slain
Then bursting forth
in glorious Day
Up from the grave
He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost
its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell
no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power
of Christ I'll stand



April 18th **GOOD FRIDAY** **5:00 PM**
"The Hand of the LORD Who: Was Pierced for Us"

April 19th **EASTER VIGIL** **5:00 PM**
"The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us"
Worship with Holy Communion

April 20th **EASTER SUNRISE** **7:00 AM Outdoors**
"The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen"
Worship with Holy Communion

April 20th **EASTER BREAKFAST** **7:30 – 9:15 Fellowship Hall**

April 20th **EASTER SUNDAY** **9:30 AM**
"The Hand of the Lord Who Holds Us Always"
Worship with Holy Communion

April 27th & 28th **2nd WEEKEND OF EASTER**
"Give Thanks to the Lord, For He Is Good"
Saturday at 5:00 PM & Sunday at 9:30 AM

May 3rd & 4th **3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**
"His Love Endures Forever"
Saturday at 5:00 PM & Sunday at 9:30 AM

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