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# Maundy Thursday HIDDEN GLORY HIDDEN IN THE SAVIOR'S FEAST April 13, 2017

#### PREPARATION

BELLS

#### **INVOCATION**

- M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.
- C Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins.
- M Wash away all my evil
- C and make me clean from my sin.
- M I recognize my faults;
- C I am always conscious of my sins.
- M I have sinned against you only against you —
- C and done what you consider evil.
- M So you are right in judging me;
- C you are justified in condemning me.
- M I have been evil from the day I was born;
- C from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.
- M Sincerity and truth are what you require;
- C fill my mind with your wisdom.
- M Remove my sin, and I will be clean;
- C wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- M Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;
- C and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.
- M Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

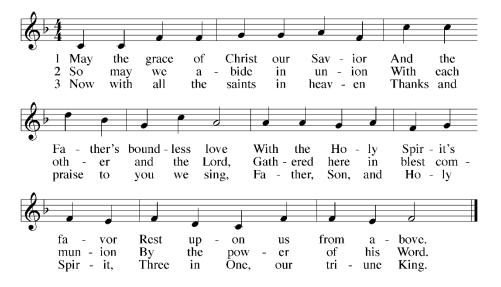
- C Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand. Yet you know them all. I am sorry that I have displeased you, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.
- M I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?
- C I do.
- M Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?
- C I do.
- M Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?
- C I do.

## ABSOLUTION

- M As you believe, let it be done for you. By the authority the Lord has given his church and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. God forbid that any of us reject his grace and forgiveness by refusing to repent and believe. May he comfort you with his holy absolution and strengthen you with his sacrament, that your joy may be full.
- C Amen.

#### **RESPONSE: Hymn 326**

#### May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son instituted his Holy Supper as our Passover Feast, and gave his life for us: Unite us all by faith in him, so that we who eat his body and drink his blood may pass with him from death to life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14** (page 66)—The Lord instructs Moses about the Passover Israel is to observe in preparation for their deliverance out of Egypt. The greater deliverance that Jesus would accomplish for all people is prefigured in the preparation of the paschal lamb and the actions of the people.

- M This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL: John 13:1-7, 34-35** (page 1079)—The Gospel of John does not highlight the institution of the Sacrament. But as Jesus washes his disciple's feet, he gently instructs them in its meaning and issues his "new command" to love as he has loved.

- M This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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SERMON

Matthew 26:26-30; Bible page 996 Pastor David Kuehl

#### **OFFERTORY** (7:00 pm)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,
- C We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.
- M For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,
- C We give you humble and hearty thanks.
- M 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,

# C We also give you thanks.

- M 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.
- C We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.
- M In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,
- C But through your Sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.
- M 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.
- C Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.
- C Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.



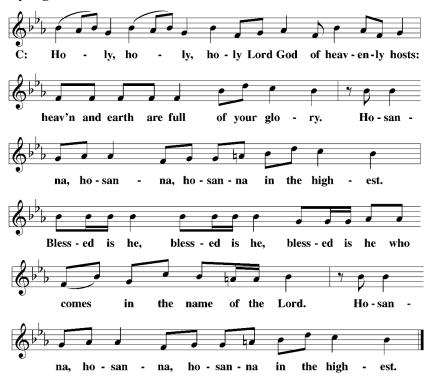
M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord.



M It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he has taken upon himself our sin, that we, who were dead to sin, should live to righteousness. Therefore with angels and the archangel, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:



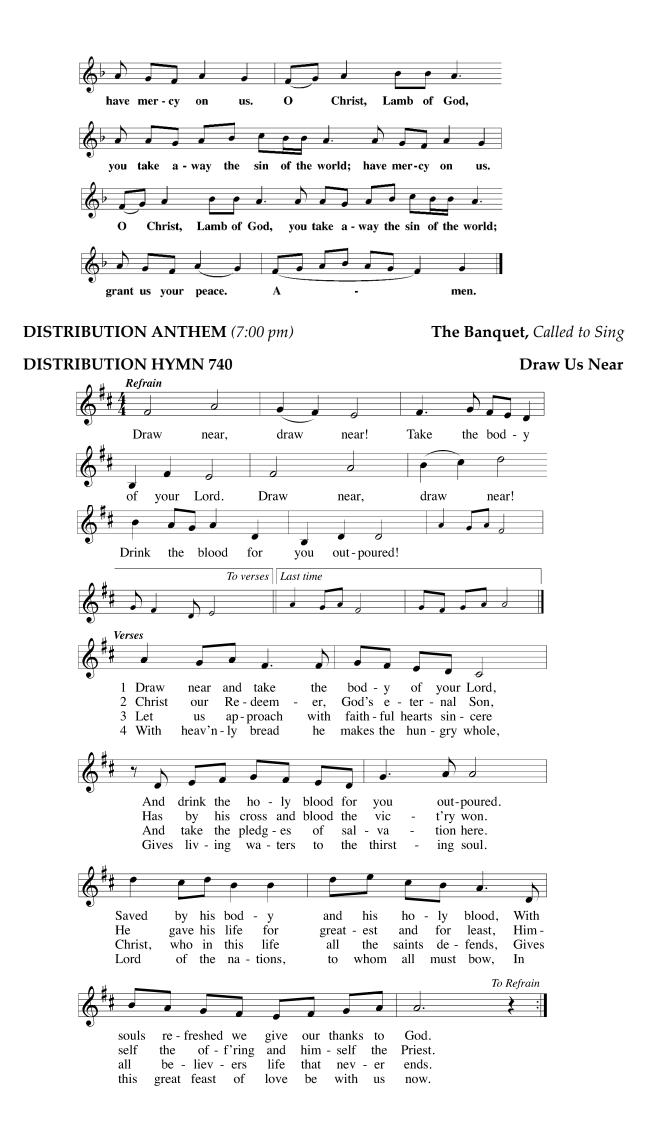
#### LORD'S PRAYER

- M Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- C For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.





## M Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M Our journey is not complete. There are more barriers that we must encounter. Remember this night and our meal together. Remember the witness of the disciples. Be prepared. The darkness of Good Friday awaits. We must continue the journey.

The stripping of the altar.

**ANTHEM** (7:00 pm)

This Is the Night, Called To Sing

After the altar has been stripped, the congregation leaves in quiet contemplation.

**Organist:** Kathy Bremer

# **OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room with a new class beginning May 23. Contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the right center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.