



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

Preservice Music

Stand

Invocation

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

Holy Gospel Mark 14:12–26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of 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."

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You. O Christ.

Sit

Hymn: 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Homily: "Seven Things to Give Up: Lust"

Matthew 5:27-32

Hymn: 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

T Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution T

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Those desiring individual absolution may come forward. The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the altar, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution:

Absolution LSB 291

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

After all have returned to their seats, the pastor speaks this blessing.

Declaration of Grace LSB 185

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Psalm 34:8–10

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
- C Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Sit

Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

Stand

Prayer of the Church

A Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

- A God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God.
- C receive our prayer.
- A God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (especially). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered...

- A God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
- C Amen.

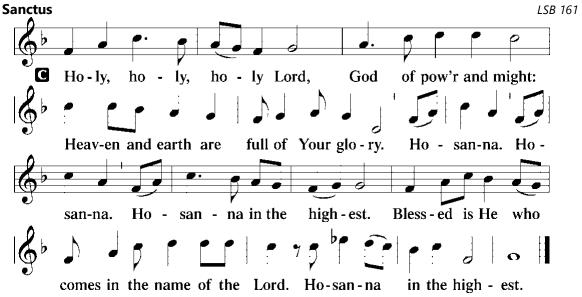
T Service of the Sacrament T

Preface LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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:



Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

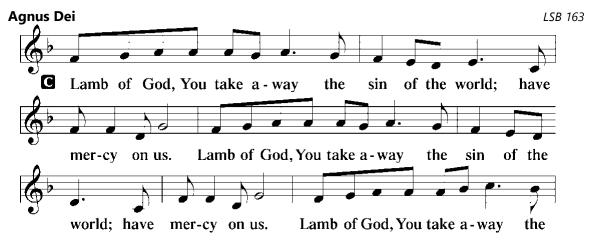
The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Sit

Distribution of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN

We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.

11:15 service—Distribution will be by Intinction. Come forward by the center aisle, receive a wafer from pastor; take it to the assistant with wine, dip the wafer and place the moistened wafer in your mouth.

7:00 service—Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray. If you would prefer a gluten free host, please indicate to the pastor.

Hymn: When I Behold Jesus Christ

Grace Choir-7:00 pm only

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Stripping of the Altar (Psalm 22)

The symbol of Christ in our midst, the altar, is stripped bare. Christ is stripped of his power and glory. The powers of darkness work upon him.

When the Psalm is completed, all depart in silence.

There is no Benediction; we return tomorrow evening to contemplate the mystery and wonder of Christ on the cross

Acknowledgments

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29,11:15AM and 7:00 PM,

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 31, 6:53 AM

Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast served between the worship services 8:00am – 9:30am

March 31, 10:00AM

Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

Weekday 11:15am services will be in person only

Easter Sunday, please bring a cut flower from your garden or shop to participate in the "Flowering of the Cross" ceremony.

Our Lenten Cross will be transformed from a symbol of death to a symbol of life as we place our flowers on the cross at the beginning of the service. The flowered cross will be displayed at the roadside in front of the church after the 10:00 am service as a testimony to our community of our Easter joy.