

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 PM Service

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A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord God, have mercy on me a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, Lord. I ask not assuming any worthiness on my part, rather I come in faith and at the invitation of your dear Son. Bless me through your sacrament, for his sake. Amen.

WELCOME

His food, our fill

Opening Hymn:

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

Christian Worship, Hymn # 660

Verse 1  **Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.**

Verse 2  **This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4 **M** **Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord my God.**

PLEASE STAND

OPENING VERSES

M The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C **Amen.**

M It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

C **to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**

M to herald your love in the morning,

C **your truth at the close of day.**

C Verse 1

M **Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray.
Your grace and peace to us allow
And guard and keep your people now. (CW, Hymn #790)**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C **We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

(Silent reflection and confession of personal sins.)

ABSOLUTION

M By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

M Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Psalm 90:1-2,ff)

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Hymn of the Day:
Christian Worship, Hymn #663

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

C Verse 1

♪ **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
He, though reigning high and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

C Verse 5

♪ **Human reason, though it ponders,
Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 8

**Jesus, Lord of life, in heaven,
Help me when this meal is given
To receive it for my blessing
As I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is you love's treasure.
That, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Matthew 26:20-30

The Three Unions of Holy Communion

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus 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."

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship as believers, and we proclaim his death until he returns. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, **St. John-St. James members** are asked to register with the ushers before or after the service.*

***Guests and visitors** wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with our pastor prior to the start of the worship service. We make this request out of a love for our Savior's teaching concerning the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 10,11), and out of love for our guests, seeking only their spiritual good and blessing. We humbly ask for your respectful cooperation. May the Lord bless each of our communicants today with peace-filled hearts and a renewed spirit to serve and love their Lord Jesus.*

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Gracious Lord, as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we also pray...

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.**

PREFACE

M To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command not only linked to the events he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room but also rooted in God’s ancient promises of a Deliverer who would suffer in order to set his people free. We remember:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M 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.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymn:

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Christian Worship, Hymn # 667

C Verse 1 **♪ Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4  **We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.**

C Verse 5  **Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.**

C Verse 7  **Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

(A Prayer before Communion is on the first page of our folder.)

PLEASE STAND

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All of our communicants will commune together, then we conclude with the following.)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.



CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C Listen to my cry.

M Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

M In righteousness I shall see you;

C When I am away, your presence will give me joy.

M Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of the fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 932

C Verse 1

♪ **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

C Verse 2

♪ **With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
One faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
One bread you have fed us; One light that has led us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Our thanks to Mrs. Kristen Hillmann for leading us in worship as our organist.