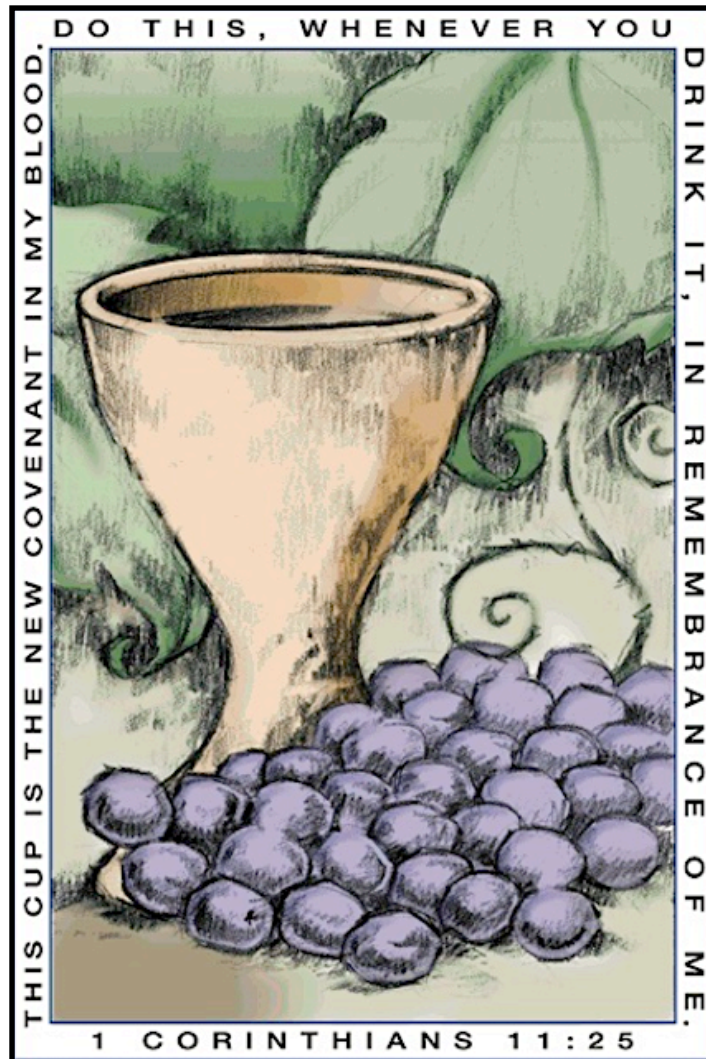


# Maundy Thursday Worship

## April 6, 2023 – 7:00 pm



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Lakewood, Colorado



**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn 431**

*Not All the Blood of Beasts*

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

C:  Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: **♪ A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen**

### **Responsive Reading from Psalm 103**

P The LORD is compassionate and gracious:

C **Slow to anger, abounding in love.**

P He will not always accuse:

C **Nor will he harbor his anger forever.**

P He does not treat us as our sins deserve:

C **Or repay us according to our iniquities.**

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth:

C **So great is his love for those who fear him.**

P As far as the east is from the west:

C **So far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

P As a father has compassion on his children:

C **So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.**

### **Scripture Lessons**

John 1:29-31,34-36 / 1 Peter 1:18-19

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel. | I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

### **Hymn**

*O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are*  
[Christian Worship #27]

O Jesus, Lamb of God, You are My comfort and my guiding star;  
I come, a sinner, trustingly And bring my many sins with me.

O Lord, my sin indeed is great; I groan beneath the dreadful weight.  
Be merciful to me, I pray; Take guilt and punishment away.

Saint John the Baptist points to You And bids me cast my sin on You;  
For You have left Your throne on high To suffer for the world and die.

Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And gladly to obey Your Word.  
While here I live, abide with me, Then take me home eternally.

## **The Sermon**

Based on Psalm 118:25-26

### ***"Hosanna in the Highest!"***

As with God's believers of old ...

1. This is *still* our plaintiff cry.
2. This is *still* our highest blessing.

## **Maundy Thursday Offering**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Tune: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth, in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours the pow'r, and Yours the majesty.  
So shall it be from this glad hour and to eternity. Amen.

## **Exhortation – Confession of Sins – Words of Absolution**

P Dear friends in Christ: It is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in Him as your Savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his First Epistle: *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

I ask you therefore before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word, and deed? Do you heartily repent of them, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? Then answer: *Yes*.

As God has given to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and as you have called me to administer the same, even so, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Sanctus**

Tune: *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
Of Your majesty adored, Of Your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.  
With hosannas now we meet You; With our palms and praises greet You.

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken, Of eternal love the token.

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lamb of God**

Tune: *O Dearest Jesus*

Jesus, the Lamb of God, have mercy on us!  
Jesus, who bore our sins, have mercy on us!  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!  
Grant us Your peace, Lord!

## **Distribution of the Sacrament / Post-Communion Prayer**

### **The Nunc Dimittis**


Tune: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Lord, let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled:  
My eyes have seen the Light increase Which for the world You willed,

For Israel's light, the promised One, Now shines for all to see,  
To God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Be praise eternally!

## **Benediction**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:**  **Amen, amen, amen.**



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Good Friday Worship

Tomorrow, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

9:30 am

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**Maundy Thursday Opening Prayer**

Dear Jesus, each day You provide us with the food we need for our bodies and souls. Tonight we give You special thanks for providing us with a special meal in which You offer us the very body and blood which You gave into death as a personal assurance and guarantee that our sins are forgiven. May we never receive Your Holy Supper with passing interest. Lead us to value and faithfully use each opportunity You supply us for receiving it. Give us an honest realization of our sins and firm confidence as we prepare our hearts to receive this Sacrament. Strengthen our faith and bless us in our worship of You this night. Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God, our understanding Father through our adorable Savior, You have so graciously made us Your own. We praise You, for Your mercies have been greater in number than the countless sands of the many seas. You have removed the burden of our sins, cleansed our consciences from the sense of guilt, comforted us in every frustration of the day, instructed us in Your Word, warned us against the deadly snares of Satan, and ordered our footsteps in Your ways of peace and joy. We lift up our hearts in thanks to You and ask You to continue to be us this night. Preserve for us Your Word, the Gospel, which keeps us in Your grace. Feed both our bodies and souls in Your kindness and love. Set our minds at ease, removing our worries and anxieties. Bless us with restful sleep, and when we awake, we shall still be praising You, our loving Father in Christ Jesus, our blessed Savior. Amen.