



Maundy Thursday

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The Quarantine of Lent Is Over

As We Gather

The quarantine (literally, forty days) of Lent, a time of repentance, began on Ash Wednesday with an extended prayer and confession of sins, and with this reminder: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The forty days (not including Sundays, which are considered "little Easters") come to their conclusion now in the three holy days, or Triduum, of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Therefore these days center around the only sacrifice that gives us absolution, the forgiveness we so desire: the body and blood of the Lord's Supper that proclaim the glorious substitutionary suffering and death of our Lord on the cross and interment in the tomb. Only in this way can a person know and believe what there is to be so happy about on Easter Sunday!

+ PREPARATION +

445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

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| <p>1 When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.</p> <p>2 Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples' feet.</p> <p>3 What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood."</p> | <p>4 One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.</p> <p>5 One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.</p> |
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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

- 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.**

Psalm 43:4; 124:8

Confession and Absolution

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another. Especially since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night on which He instituted this blessed Sacrament, it is proper that we examine ourselves since this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God's Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living. Therefore whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed 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.

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.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3–11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

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

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 17

- P What shall I render to the LORD
C **for all his benefits to me?**
P I will lift up the cup of salvation
C **and call on the name of the LORD,**
P I will pay my vows to the LORD
C **in the presence of all his people.**
- P Precious in the sight of the LORD
C **is the death of his saints.**
P O LORD, I am your servant;
C **I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.**
You have loosed my bonds.
P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C and call on the name of the LORD.
P I will pay my vows to the LORD
C in the presence of all his people,
P in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

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.**

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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| 1 | Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe. | 6 | Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose. |
| 2 | As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed. | 7 | Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill. |
| 3 | Jesus here Himself is sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His judgment then you shall receive. | 8 | "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?" |
| 4 | Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son. | 9 | If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest. |
| 5 | Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest. | 10 | Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do. |

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C 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 worshiped 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, our heavenly Father, we offer to You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Holy Church throughout the world and for this congregation gathered in Your name. Guide and govern Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the truth in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. As Your Son, our Lord Jesus, commanded us, enable us to love one another in sincerity and truth.

Be merciful to all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. Preserve all who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions.

We praise You for the abundant mercy that You so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word abide in our hearts. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Deliver and preserve us in the saving faith, and grant Your blessing upon us all; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

Preface

- 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:

961 Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, 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.

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 to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

- C **Amen.**

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

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

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 may spoken

Psalm

Psalm 22

A My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you de-livered them.
⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let him de-liver him;
let him rescue him, for he de-lights in him!"
⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted with-in my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live for-ever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep him-self alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

All leave the church in silence.

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies

If you are interested in decorating our Sanctuary for Easter, please see Laurie on Sunday or call her in the Church Office. Last day to order will be Sunday, March 28. You will be able to take your lilies home after Easter Sunday service.

Midweek (Wednesday) devotions through Lent:

- The Pastor-Led Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings will be suspended during Lent, allowing for MidWeek Lenten Devotions on Wednesdays through the week prior to Holy Week (March 28-April 4). Pastor-Led Bible Studies will resume on Wednesdays, starting on April 21, 2021.

Worship:

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.
<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP>

If you find you can't attend after registering, you can go to your confirmation email and remove yourself or indicate to Jim that you are not coming.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube Live and recorded and published on YouTube.

Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them.

We are resuming the use of the mailboxes upstairs, so please check yours for the March Monthly News and calendar.

Altar Flowers:

We have resumed our Altar Flower program. Anyone interested in ordering flowers for the Church Altar, please contact Laurie in the Church Office at 847/537-4430 or office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

Online Giving:

We are now set up for Online Giving on our website as well as in Breeze. If you haven't set up your personal Breeze account, please do so using the email invite that was sent out to you. Setting up your account allows you to update your personal contact information and allows access to online giving. If you need another invitation or need help setting it up, please contact Jim Burmeister at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or (847) 934-5963.

Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:
Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone (847)934-5963 home or (847)343-3798 cell; or via email at elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28th 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 1st 7:00 PM

Good Friday Tre Ore, April 2nd 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4th 9:00 AM