

Maundy Thursday

April 17th 2025 7:00pm

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" Psalm 50:23

Opening Song

Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my Righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my Righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
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Invocation

Pastor: We gather this evening in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We gather to stir up one another to love and good works, and to encourage one another as we see the Day drawing near.** *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Pastor: In this Holy Week we consider the praise of Palm Sunday, the mandate of Maundy Thursday, the darkness of Good Friday, and the Resurrection on Sunday.

People: **As we await Jesus return, we devote ourselves to teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.** *Acts 2:42*

Pastor: For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

People: **Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.** *John 14:6*

Pastor: Jesus tells us we are the light of the world.

People: **Therefore, we let our light shine in our homes and in our city, that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.** *Matthew 5:14-16*

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us consider what it means to be the light that others see. Whoever says he is in the light and hates another is still in darkness. *I John 2:9*

People: **If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** *I John 1:7*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *I John 1:8*

People: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *I John 1:9*

Pastor: The Holy Spirit came to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Take this time to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. Whether it be a conviction of sin leading to repentance, or a deeper revelation of Jesus concerning His goodness and justice, it's all a declaration of God's love for you. *(Pause as we give the Holy Spirit time to speak, and ourselves time to reflect and confess)*
O most merciful God...

People: **We confess that You are a good and holy God. Through Your Son Jesus You freed us from sin when we could not free ourselves. Even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins, You made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in order to show the immeasurable riches of Your grace in kindness toward us. By grace we have been saved through faith!**

We confess that You are the true Vine and we are the branches. As we abide in You and You abide in us we will bear much fruit, for apart from You we can do nothing. You have spoken these things to us that our joy may be full!

We acknowledge that You have called us to wake up, repent, and believe. Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honor, and power!

Pastor: As you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. *Psalm 73:23*

Jesus prayed, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but Yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and gave Him strength. *Luke 22:42-43*

Let us pray:

People: **Jesus, my Savior, thank You for drinking the cup of suffering. You did this for my sake, giving me the cup of blessing instead. Thank You that through communion I am strengthened with Your courage to face pain and sadness. I am able to live with hope when I know You are by my side. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:15-39

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies

washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. ²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷ For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Return to the Lord, your God. For He is gracious and merciful.

**Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:7-20

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹ They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰ He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Song

How Beautiful

**How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful how beautiful - how beautiful is the body of Christ**

**How beautiful the heart that bled - that took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful how beautiful - how beautiful is the body of Christ**

**And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price - willing to pay the price**

**How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live
How beautiful how beautiful - how beautiful is the body of Christ**

**How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful how beautiful - how beautiful is the body of Christ**

Prayers of the Church and Communion Liturgy

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(The prayers conclude with these words...)

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory and honor and praise.

People: **Amen.**

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that He, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People_(sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat, this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Again after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Prayer

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

People: **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**

Communion Song

New Wine

**In the crushing in the pressing You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender You are breaking new ground
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand**

**(So) Make me Your vessel - make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
(God) I came here with nothing - but all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me**

**In the crushing in the pressing You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender You are breaking new ground
You are breaking new ground**

**(So) Make me Your vessel - make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
(God) I came here with nothing - but all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me - Jesus bring new wine out of me
Jesus bring new wine out of me**

**'Cause where there is new wine there is new power
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today**

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Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Now Lord, let your servants depart in peace, according to your Word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be, world without end. Amen.

Song

O Praise The Name

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet - my Savior on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears - they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone - Messiah still and all alone
O praise the Name of the Lord our God - O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise - Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Then on the third at break of dawn the Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting the angels roar for Christ the King
O praise the Name of the Lord our God - O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise - Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
He shall return in robes of white - the blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints - my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
O praise the Name of the Lord our God - O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise - Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God - Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Benediction

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People: Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Service Ends In Silence

Please join us for worship:

Good Friday

2:00pm Worship Service with Communion

Resurrection Sunday

8:00am-9:30am Easter Breakfast Coffee Hour—bring your favorite food to share

9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship Service with Communion

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