



# *Maundy Thursday*

April 9, 2020

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*Jesus, I will ponder now  
 On your holy passion;  
 With your Spirit me endow  
 For such meditation.  
 Grant that I in love and faith  
 May the image cherish  
 Of your suff'ring, pain, and death  
 That I may not perish.*

*Make me see your great distress,  
 Anguish, and affliction,  
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
 And your crucifixion;  
 Make me see how scourge and rod,  
 Spear and nails did wound you,  
 How for them you died, O God,  
 Who with thorns had crowned you.*

**INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT**

m In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant. In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

We are hindered from celebrating this Supper together today. It will be all the sweeter when we can do so again. Until then, let us celebrate the faithfulness of our God!

C    **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

m Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C    **Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.  
In what I have done and left undone,  
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.  
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins.  
I repent of them.  
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for prayer and meditation*

m Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C **Cleanse me from my sins.  
Release me from my guilt.  
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

m The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### **HYMN RESPONSE**

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | 98 (3-4)

C ♪ ***Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of your crucifixion.***

***If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son,  
God must have compassion!***

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

m Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and

promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 22:7-20

<sup>7</sup>The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

<sup>10</sup>He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner of the house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"" <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup>They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup>He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | 376 (1, 2, 4, 5)

## **SERMON**

Based on Luke 22:47-48

### ***The Battle Is Personal***

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. <sup>48</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

m Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

