



# HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024

## MY CLOSE FRIEND

### AS WE GATHER

Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? You are not alone. King David prayed in Psalm 41:9, “*Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.*” To have a heel lifted against you is to receive a tremendous kick. It is a kick that sends you reeling and knocks the breath out of you—much like the feeling of being betrayed by a trusted friend. When trust has been broken, you can pray David’s words as your own and put your trust in the One whose betrayal they prophesy. For your Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took the pain and shame for you.

HYMN                    “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (*LSB* 625)

### INVOCATION

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

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9, 15, 22*

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C** **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- C** **Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

- P** The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.
- C** **The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** In the Upper Room on the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ gave a new command that His people are to love one another as He has loved them. When we look at our lives, we see clearly that we have not fulfilled that new command He has given. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and realize that we have transgressed the Law of God in thought, word, and deed. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves and have missed opportunities to be of service in the name of the Lord. In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him, humbly asking for His grace in Christ Jesus. Realizing our need for forgiveness in Christ, the Lamb of God, let us then make our confession to our God. 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN“Jesus, Greatest at the Table” (LSB 446, Sung to the tune of  
LSB 630)

**1** Jesus, greatest at the table,  
The almighty Son of Man,  
Laid aside His outer clothing,  
Poured some water in a pan;  
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,  
He the servant’s task began.

**2** Marvel how their Lord and teacher  
Gently taught them not to vie  
As He humbly knelt before them,  
Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
By His tender touch expressing  
True compassion from on high.

**3** Jesus took the role of servant  
When upon that gruesome span,  
For all human sin He suffered  
As a vile and loathsome man;  
On the cross poured out like water  
To fulfill the Father’s plan.

**4** Can we fathom such deep mercy?  
Do we see what God has done?  
Who can grasp this great reversal:  
Love that gives His only Son?  
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,  
For the many dies the One.

**5** Jesus gave to His disciples  
A commandment that was new:  
“Show My love to one another,  
Do as I have done for you;  
All the world will know you love Me  
As you love each other too.”

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## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## COLLECT 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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 12:1–14*

- A** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,  
<sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you

shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 41*

- P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- C** **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**
- P** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- C** **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
- P** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
- C** **As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**
- P** My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”
- C** **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**
- P** All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- C** **They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

- P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**
- P** By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- C** **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen. 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 forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE      *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

- A** The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

A SONG:

“Who am I?” (Casting Crowns)

**Verse 1**

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to know my name  
Would care to feel my hurt  
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star  
Would choose to light the way  
For my ever wand'ring heart

**Pre-Chorus**

*Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done  
But because of who You are*

**Chorus**

*I am a flower quickly fading  
Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean  
A vapor in the wind  
Still You hear me when I'm calling  
Lord You catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am  
I am Yours*

**Verse 2**

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love  
And watch me rise again  
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me (*Pre-Chorus to Chorus, Repeat*)

**Ending:**

Whom shall I fear?  
Whom shall I fear?  
'Cuz I am Yours



# I am Yours!

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:1–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. <sup>5</sup>Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup>When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than

his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate My bread has lifted his heel against Me.’ <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am He. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the one who sent Me.” <sup>21</sup>After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to Him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” <sup>28</sup>Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (*LSB* 445)

SERMON

*Psalm 41:9*

OFFERING

Choir Anthem “The Hill Called Calvary”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "Jesus Messiah" (Tomlin)

### **Verse 1**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### ***Chorus***

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

### **Verse 2**

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing (*to Chorus, then Bridge*)

### **Bridge**

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world (*to Chorus, then Ending*)

### **Ending**

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

## 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:

## SANCTUS

*LSB*, p. 161

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for all people gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Gathered at His Table in the fellowship of all the saints, we pray You to send down Your Holy Spirit on us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Gathered at Your gracious invitation, we bring You our thanksgiving and pray that we be filled with all Your heavenly blessings; through Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB, p. 163*

## DISTRIBUTION (“Jesus Be Glorified” – Tribe and Tongue”)

### **Verse 1**

There at the start  
Breathing new life  
Commanding the dark  
This holy light  
That shines in our hearts  
Can't be overcome

### **Verse 2**

The promise from Heav'n  
The Word became flesh  
The life of the Savior  
Given to death  
But nothing could hold  
The holy One, the holy One

### **Chorus**

*He who humbly came and took on the grave is alive  
Jesus be glorified  
Let every tongue confess of His righteousness lifted high  
Jesus be glorified*

### **Verse 3**

The fullness of God  
In Him who saves

The heavens declare  
His holy name  
The world reconciled in His hands  
In His hands (*to Chorus, then Bridge*)

**Bridge**

No other name is worthy to be praised  
No other name than Jesus  
He breaks our chains forever He will reign  
All hail the name of Jesus (*Repeat bridge, then repeat chorus twice*)

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*LSB*, p. 211

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, gracious God, for having received us as guests at Your Table. We pray that You would remain with us at all times and in all places so that we may pass our earthly days in peace, assured of Your guidance and knowing the comfort of Your care and pardon. By the power of the Holy Spirit, rule our hearts and minds that we may serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

HYMN

“Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion” (*LSB* 559)

## 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 will be spoken by Pastor Schaeffer.*

*At the conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar, all leave the church in silence.*

## A Statement on Holy Communion

**We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper** as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual who comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations (and sister confessional Lutheran Church bodies), who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that the Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

**NOTE:** We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcoholic grape juice. Just let the Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.