

He that
eateth
of this
bread
shall
LIVE FOR EVER



MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY

April 9, 2020

AS WE GATHER

In the Lord's Prayer we ask that we not be led into temptation. On this night of His Passion, our Lord was confronted by the greatest of temptations in the Garden of Gethsemane—the temptation to abandon His divine mission of salvation. Through agonizing prayer and unmovable determination, Jesus held fast to His appointed task of carrying out His Father's will of bringing about the forgiveness of sins through His own suffering, death, and resurrection. Knowing that our Lord has been tempted as we are and has overcome the power of the devil, we draw strength from Him as we deal with the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful selves each day of our earthly lives.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

People: **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

CONFESSION

Pastor: People of God, we struggle against sin, death, and the power of the devil. We have intensified the struggle begun at Baptism to daily die with Christ and also to rise daily in Christ to live anew. In this struggle we have been reminded again that we are weak and Christ is strong. We need the forgiveness of our sins in order to live as the people God has called us to be.

(A time of silence is observed.)

Pastor: Assured of God's love for us, we confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: The Word of God is living and active. Words of forgiveness spoken in the name of Jesus do what they say. Receive the forgiveness won for you by the blood of Jesus.

ABSOLUTION *Psalms 103:11–13*

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

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Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Your true health it will restore,
So that you need thirst no more.

Come with hurts and guilts and meanness,
Come, however soiled within;
From the most ingrained uncleanness,
From pollution by your sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
You shall walk with God in light.

Take the life that lasts forever;
Trust this soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 24:3–11*

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

⁸Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 9:11–22*

¹¹ But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

¹⁵ For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

¹⁶ In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, ¹⁷ because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. ¹⁸ This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. ¹⁹ When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. ²⁰ He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” ²¹ In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. ²² In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

"Jesus Messiah"

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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**

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

CHORUS:

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 26:17–30*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the^[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation" *Matt. 26:17-30*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he
will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gathered by the love and remembrance of Jesus, we offer our prayers to God.

(Silence for reflection.)

Pastor: For the Church,; that by our love for one another, the world may know that we are disciples of Jesus Christ, that pastors and teachers follow the example of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless, that God use us to reach out to them and lift them up, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who have lost their faith and for those who struggle to believe, that during these holy days they be filled with Christ's light and peace, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the dying, and the mourning, help them to trust in the promise that nothing—not even sickness or death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all of us, gathered on this holy night, that, nourished by the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, we forgive those who have wronged us and love one another from our hearts, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Hear the prayers of Your people, merciful God, for the sake of the One who stretched out His arms on the cross to redeem Your people and to reconcile the whole creation, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

[The church is darkened. The pastor and assistants remove Communion vessels, paraments, candles, banners, flowers, and any other adornments on the altar and in the chancel.]

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR *Psalm 22*

Lector : My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?
O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(v 1)

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Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

Lector : Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(v 2)

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Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought
Found me when I sought him not.

Lector : But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
“He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made me trust You at My mother's breasts.
On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(v 3)

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Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Lector : Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

Lector: I am poured out like water,
and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within My breast;
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
You lay Me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—
I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.

HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

(v 4)

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Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

Lector : But You, O LORD, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For 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.

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O my Savior, help afford
By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Lector : From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and He rules over the nations.

All 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 himself alive.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

(All leave in silence.)

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Trinity Church and School Family

Easter Celebration



At 10:30 this Easter Sunday we will gather as a congregation, the family of God, in a drive-in style worship celebration in our church and school parking lot. Never leave your car and tune your radio to FM 100.3 as we share in a special Easter Service during this time of great concern in our community and throughout the world. Just imagine when Pastor says, “He is Risen” and we respond with “He is Risen Indeed” to the sound of honking car horns.

Plan to arrive early to facilitate parking. Please do not park on the grass. Bring your family and invite your friends, in their own cars, as we gather in a safe way to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior!