



Holy Thursday

RETURN FROM EXILE: A LENTEN JOURNEY

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? 13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints. 16 O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people, 19 In the courts of the LORD's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

EVENING PRAYER

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Opening Hymn: TLH 723 What Wondrous Love Is This

p In the Name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



all

A - men.

all

1 The Lord Al - might - y grant a qui-et night, and
2
11 peace at the last. A - men. It is good to give thanks to the
14 Lord, - To praise Your name, O Most High; To
18 her-ald Your love in the morning, Your truth - at the close of day.
23 Je - sus, re - member - me when You come in - to Your - kingdom.
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

p Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

all Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

p By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

PASSION & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 12:1-13 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 ‘And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 ‘Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 ‘Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 ‘And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 ‘Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 ‘Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire -- its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 ‘You shall let none of it remain

until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. 11 ‘And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. 12 ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 ‘Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



1. My song is love un -
2. He came from His blest
3. Here might I stay and

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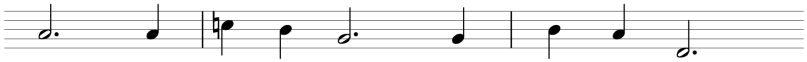
known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love
throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow; But
sing, No story so di - vi - ne! Nev -

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to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like

12



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise

15



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
I all my days Could gla - dly spend.

MEAL TO MEAL: THE PASSOVER TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sermon Hymn 156: Not All The Blood of Beasts

OFFERING

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

all In the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously “kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.


c  And also with you.

p Lift up your hearts.

c  We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O

Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all men, in order that where death once reigned life might rise again through Christ our Lord, through whom with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:


c  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the


forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!


- c  O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.

- c  O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav’nly peace, For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God’s triune name resounding through all eternity.

p Go in peace. Serve the Lord in gladness.

c  My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, Your
praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Lord,
may Your body and Your blood be for my
soul the highest good.

BENEDICTION

p Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

c That awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.

p The almighty and merciful God, The Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.



c A - men.

Closing Hymn – 309
O Jesus Blessed Lord To Thee

ABOUT LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship echoes the traditional 6th century Compline Service. As the last service of the day, Compline petitions God for His peace through the coming night while also trusting His peace for the hour of our death. As part of Lenten Worship congregations will be introduced to the hymn “My Song is Love Unknown,” which was written by Samuel Crossman in 1664. The service is offered in two formats, one leaving the Compline text in spoken form (Setting 1), and the other pairing the liturgical text with original music (Setting 2).

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