

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Maundy Thursday

DUE TO THE PENITENTIAL NATURE OF HOLY WEEK OUR SERVICE IS SPOKEN, EXCEPT FOR THE PSALM, THE SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, AND THE HYMNS.

Reflective silence is most appropriate prior to the service.

Prayers for worship may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.

*INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God.

C **To God, my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Confessional Address for the End of Lent

P During this Lenten we have heard our Lords call to...

... Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: **Yes**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Go in ✠ peace.

C: **Amen**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray... One God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *after the lesson is said:*

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 116 vs. 12-19 antiphon vs. 17

K: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

K: What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

C: **I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD,**

K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people.

C: **Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.**

K: O LORD, I am your | servant;*
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed
my bonds.

C: **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people,

**C: in the courts of the house | of the LORD, *
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!**

**K: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

SECOND LESSON *after the lesson is said:*

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

***VERSE**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord

after the lesson is said:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY #617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

SERMON

OFFERING

(the offertory is omitted)

There is a Garden (Adult Choir).

***THE PRAYERS**

***SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

The service continues with the Preface (spoken)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 435 & 421

The Nunc Dimittis is omitted.

***THE THANKSGIVING (spoken)**

Following the Distribution is said:

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

C: Ye do show the Lord's death until he comes.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Due to the unitive nature of the services of the Triduum, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday service. The Benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes all the services of the Three Days.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The candles are extinguished, and Communion Vessels are removed.
The church's lights will be turned off for the stripping of the altar.*

PSALM 22

During the Psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

After the minister exits the chancel. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing in silence.

Communion Hymn #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Communion Hymn #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

