

MAUNDY THURSDAY



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**WELCOME to Worship tonight!** What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in each pew. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is offered tonight to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ **For personal preparation for communion**, use the following prayers:

**Before communion (communing):** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament):** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

+ **Lutherans** who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+ **Guests** are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ **Children, Teens, and Adults** who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ **White grape juice** is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ **Gluten-Free wafers** are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ **Communion at the pew** is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ **Those with wheelchairs or walkers** are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

**RETURN TO THE TABLE**

AS WE GATHER

On this night known in the Church as Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to join Him once again at His Table. He knows our need for strengthening and reassurance. The place in which we gather is filled with the blessing of fellowship as we remember the new command of our Lord Jesus to love one another. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Time and again we are invited to return to the Table, where truly we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Opening Hymn: 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning**

- 1 When You woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages:  
You assumed their dreadful sum.
- 2 Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples' feet.
- 3 What was there that You could give them  
That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me,  
Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
Eat this body, drink this blood."

- 4 One in faith, in love united,  
 All one body, You the head,  
 When we meet, by You invited,  
 You are with us, as You said.  
 One with You and one another  
 In a unity sublime,  
 See in us Your sister, brother,  
 One in ev'ry place and time.
- 5 One day all the Church will capture  
 That bright vision glorious,  
 And Your saints will know the rapture  
 That Your heart desired for us,  
 When the longed-for peace and union  
 Of the Greatest and the least  
 Meet in joyous, blest communion  
 In Your never-ending feast.

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*Stand*

### **Invocation**

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

### **Confession and Absolution** *Hebrews 9:11–12*

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together intending to receive our Lord Jesus Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The Sacrament provides comfort for troubled hearts and freedom from the wrath we deserve.

When we look at our lives and conduct, though, we find sin and rebellion. Worse, we cannot free ourselves by our own strength. "But when Christ appeared as a high priest . . . He entered once for all into the holy places . . . by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption."

Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am a poor, miserable sinner. I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I deserve Your punishment here in time and hereafter in eternity. In Your boundless mercy, hear my sincere repentance and for the sake of Your Son's giving Himself over to suffering and death on my behalf, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that 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, 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.

## Introit

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

**C** I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**P** Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

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

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

## Kyrie

- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**

## Hymn: 962 Agnus Dei - 1

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace,  
grant us Your peace.**

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## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.
- C** **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;**
- P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 24:3–11*

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he

threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

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

**Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 10:16–17*

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

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**Holy Gospel:** *Mark 14:12–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the

Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."  
<sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.   **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Hymn of the Day: 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts**

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.
  
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.
  
- 3 My faith would lay its hand  
On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.
  
- 4 My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.
  
- 5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

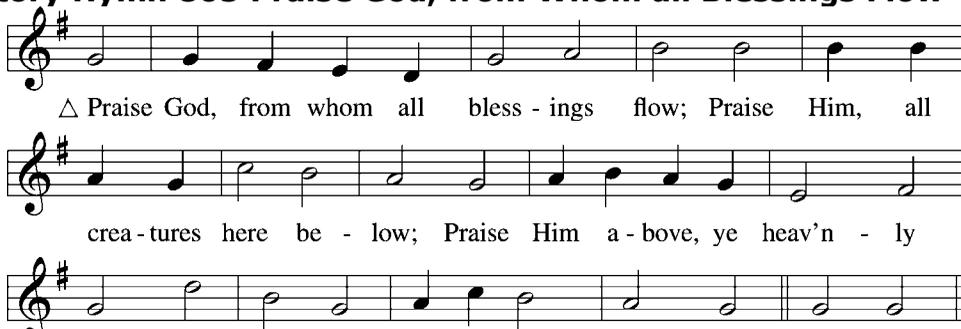
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### **Sermon**

### **The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings**

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## Offertory Hymn 805 Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs.  
For ourselves, that we treasure the promises of God made to His people in the past and to us today, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the Church around the world, that it be free to gather around Word and Sacrament and rejoice in every opportunity to spread the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our brothers and sisters in Christ, that they seek the Lord's help in resisting temptation and in their lives of faith and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For people in positions of power locally, nationally, and among the nations of the world, that God give them wisdom and compassion, ordering society within their borders and seeking peace across them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who call out to God, all in danger from natural disasters and manmade oppression, those in crises of health and chronic disabilities, and many who languish in poverty and isolation, that God would hear their spoken prayers and unspoken sighs, granting them relief, restoration, and enjoyment of life, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who rush toward danger, who raise crops and tend herds, who deliver the world's goods, who provide communication and social services, who protect and defend their neighbors and countries, that God would guide and protect them so that many may be served by their dedication and resolve, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come to the Lord's Table this day seeking peace in their hearts, that God's mercy and love would enable them to rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation that our gracious Savior offers here, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of the bitter sufferings, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### 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:

## Hymn: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy *st. 4*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826  
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–76  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## 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.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- C 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.**

## Pax Domini

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

## 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy *st. 1*

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
Text and tune: Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546  
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## Distribution of the Elements

### Distribution Hymn: 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

- 1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928 Text: Public domain

## **Distribution Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

- 1 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.
  
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.
  
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
  
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Text: Public domain

## **Distribution Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. **Refrain**
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*We prepare our sanctuary and our hearts to remember the death of our Lord, and prepare for Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 is read responsively and leave in silence, returning tomorrow to continue this service of worship*

### Psalm 22

**P** David was inspired to write Psalm 22, which Jesus may have prayed on the cross. We use it to end this evenings' service.

**P** 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.

**C** **Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**P** In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

**C** **To You they cried and were rescued;  
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.**

**P** But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

**C** **All who see Me mock Me;  
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;**

**P** "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;  
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

**C** **Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;  
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.**

**P** On You was I cast from My birth,  
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

**C** **Be not far from Me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.**

**P** Many bulls encompass Me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

**C** **they open wide their mouths at Me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

**P** 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;

**C** **My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;  
You lay Me in the dust of death.**

**P** For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me;  
they have pierced My hands and feet

**C** **I can count all My bones they stare and gloat over Me;**

**P** they divide My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.

**C** **But You, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!**

**P** Deliver My soul from the sword,  
My precious life from the power of the dog!

**C** **Save Me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!**

**P** I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

**C** **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!**

**P** 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.

**C** **From You comes My praise in the great congregation;  
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.**

**P** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

**C** **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the  
Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship  
before you.**

**P** For kingship belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations.

**C** **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.**

**P** Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

**C** **they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.**

## **Silent Prayer**

*The omission of the benediction and postlude tonight indicates our Holy Week worship is not complete until Easter's celebration. The Holy Week Story continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 PM.*

*The congregation departs in silence.*

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