TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1, 2021 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.

PREPARATION

433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the lifeblood, From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal, In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages, Be the precious stream Which from endless torment, Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance, Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus, For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting, Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing, Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder, Praise the precious blood!

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences Psalm 43:4; 124:8; 32:5

- 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.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession and Absolution

P In the Upper Room, our Lord Jesus Christ gave a new command that His people are to love one another as He has loved us. When we look at our lives, we see clearly that we have not fulfilled that new command. 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 loved our neighbor as ourselves and have passed by countless opportunities to be of service in the name of the Lord. In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him, humbly asking for His grace in Christ Jesus. 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. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

our God is merciful.

I love the LORD, because he has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

our God is merciful.

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. 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.

WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:3–11

P A reading from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

³Moses 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." ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And 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.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

P A reading from First Corinthians, the tenth chapter. ¹⁶The 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? ¹⁷Because 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.

Holy Gospel Mark 14:12–26

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²On 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?" ¹³And 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, ¹⁴and 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?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And 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." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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."

²²And 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." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, 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." ²⁶And 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.

Sermon Hymn "I Am the Bread of Life" (screen/insert)

- I am the Bread of Life. You who come to me shall not hunger; And who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
- *Refrain*: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.
- The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, You shall live forever. Refrain
- 3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood, You shall not have life within you. Refrain
- 4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, You shall live forever. Refrain
- Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, The Son of God, who has come Into the world. Refrain

Sermon

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 \top of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

- C And also with you.
- 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

Ρ

P It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has invited us to His Table of grace, where we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Grant that we humbly and reverently receive these gifts before us, thankful to be joining the company of heaven gathered at Your eternal feast as evermore they praise You, saying:

Sanctus

C 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!

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Let not an unrepentant heart, Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins, And mourn their wretched bands; A contrite heart is sure to find, Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery; God can accomplish vastly more, Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament, Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail, To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

638 Eat This Bread

- ref Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.
- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. *Refrain*
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. *Refrain*
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. *Refrain*
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Refrain*
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. *Refrain*

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*
- ref 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 blessèd, holy Trinity. With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Collect

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 guide us at all times and in all places so that we may pass our earthly days in peace, assured of Your guidance and knowing Your 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.

Benediction

- P The blessing of almighty God—our Father in heaven, His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

All leave the church in silence.

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C Amen.