

PLACES OF THE PASSION:

THE UPPER ROOM



*“And He will show you a large upper room furnished and ready:
there prepare for us.”*

Mark 14:15.

Journey with Jesus through the Holy Land, listening to Him teach, witnessing miracles, and discovering how our Savior fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament.

These meditations for Lent, inspired by theology professor Reed Lessing, follow Christ with an eye toward the places of the Passion where He suffers, dies, and rises again for our salvation.

Every place that Jesus goes along His path hints at His ultimate mission to take your place for redemption so that you might have a place in heaven with Him forever.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

† *Soli Deo Gloria* †

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” LSB 445

- 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.

† **PREPARATION** †

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of His love.

P To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

C To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

C We travel to the Upper Room.

P To watch as Christ delivers the Gospel.

C And His true body and blood.

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C I shall follow where you guide!

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
 Breathing no repentant vow,
 Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
 See Your thorn-encircled brow?
 Yet Your sinless death has brought us
 Life eternal, peace, and rest;
 Only what Your grace has taught us
 Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
 With more fervent love for You;
 May our eyes be ever turning
 To behold Your cross anew
 Till in glory, parted never
 From the blessed Savior's side,
 Graven in our hearts forever,
 Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

CONFESSION

- P King David prays, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."
- C My heart, O God, is often anything but broken and
 contrite.**
- P Instead, it is covered in calluses.
- C I hold grudges.**
- P I keep score.
- C I refuse repentance.**
- P And I turn away from humility and kindness.
- C Lord, soften my spirit.**
- P A hard heart is like a wrecking ball.
- C It mangles marriages.**
- P It condemns children.
- C It hurts my family.**
- P It distances me from my friends.
- C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have
 mercy!**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lent Anthem "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

**On my heart im-print Your im-age,
Bless-ed Je-sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures
Nev-er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in-scrip-tion be:
Je-sus, cru-ci-fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion,
And my glo-ry and sal-va-tion!**

† WORD †

THE SALUTATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat

it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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 no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

All **Re-turn to the Lord, your God,
 for He is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
 slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love,
 and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.**

GOSPEL READING**MATTHEW 26:17-29**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26th chapter.

C **Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S 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.**

“Just as I Am”

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

SERMON

PASTOR REDEKER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

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Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor

On the night He was be-trayed,

He took the bread, gave thanks, and said

Take eat, my friends, this bro-ken bread,

This is my bo-dy for forgive-ness of your sin.

When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,

Remem-ber me and my love for you again.

On the night He was be-trayed,

He took the cup, gave thanks, and said

Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,

This is my blood for forgive-ness of your sin.

When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,

Remem-ber me and my love for you again.

All

Oh we are here to thank you Lord,

For the bread and wine out-poured

For it is your bo-dy and your blood

That you so lovi-ing-ly and free-ly give to us.

So we praise You ho-ly Lamb of God;

We love You our sweet Je-sus,

We love You our sweet Je-sus,

We love You our sweet Je-sus.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Special Music

Karen Skoog—Cello

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ’s body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break,
 This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace
 Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
 Under the rod?
 My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe
 That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES

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Nunc Dimittis

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,**

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

c **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **T** give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord.

Events moved rapidly:

Prayer in Gethsemane,

Betrayal by Judas,

Arrest, mock trial, painful beating,

The trudge to Golgotha and execution.

PSALM 22

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of
my | groaning?

**²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,*
and by night, but I | find no rest.**

³Yet you are | holy,*
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

**⁴In you our fathers | trusted;*
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

⁵To you they cried and were | rescued;*
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

**⁶But I am a worm and | not a man,*
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**

⁷All who see me | mock me;*
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

**⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”**

⁹Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

**¹⁰On you was I cast | from my birth,*
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my
God.**

- ¹¹Be not far from me,
for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.
- ¹²**Many bulls en- | compass me;***
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
- ¹³they open wide their | mouths at me,*
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- ¹⁴**I am poured out like water,**
and all my bones are | out of joint;*
my heart is like wax;
it is melted with- | in my breast;
- ¹⁵**my strength is dried up like a potsherd,**
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*
you lay me in the | dust of death.
- ¹⁶**For dogs en- | compass me;***
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my | hands and feet—
- ¹⁷I can count | all my bones—*
they stare and gloat | over me;
- ¹⁸**they divide my garments a- | mong them,***
and for my clothing they | cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!*
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
- ²⁰**Deliver my soul | from the sword,***
my precious life from the power | of the dog!
- ²¹Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
- You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
- ²²**I will tell of your name to my | brothers;***
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,*
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
- ²⁴**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.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

- 26**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!.*
May your hearts live for- | ever!
- 27**All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations
shall worship be- | fore you.
- 28**For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.
- 29**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 him- | self alive.
- 30**Posterity shall | serve him;.*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- |
ation;
- 31**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.

After the stripping of the altar is complete, all may leave the church in silence waiting and longing to worship God again on Good Friday [times] and then rejoicing in Him Easter morning [times].

**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Today
April 1, 2021**

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