

THE LITURGY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

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The Prelude American Folk Hymn/Walker
What Wondrous Love Is This

(At the conclusion of the Prelude, please rise and face the rear of the church for the silent procession.)

*The Hymn *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior* LBW 199

The Instruction (Pastor):

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of His Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of His church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God Himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of Himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in Him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

*The Confession of Sins Page 194
(The congregation may come forward and kneel at the rail. The pastor, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn. The penitent may respond:)
C: Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 195

*The Prayer of the Day
The First Lesson Exodus 24:3-11
Consecration of the Covenant People
The Psalmody Psalm 116:10-17 Page 272
The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
The unity of the Sacramental People

*The Lenten Verse Page 63
*The Holy Gospel Mark 14:12-26

The Last Supper

The Sermon
*The Hymn of the Evening LBW 496
Around You, O Lord Jesus

*The Prayers Page 65
*The Peace
The Offering Filitz

Glory Be to Jesus

*The Offertory Page 67
*The Offertory Prayer "Merciful Father" Page 67
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Page 68

Dialog, Preface: *It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord: Who on the tree of the Cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, the evil one, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn...*

Sanctus Page 69
Eucharistic Prayer No. III (not in pew edition)
Our Father, who art... Page 71

The Distribution of the Meal
Distribution verse: Luke 23:42 "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

*The Post-Communion Blessing Page 72
*The Post-Communion Prayer (not in pew edition)
*The Stripping of the Altar

*(As the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 is read.
The congregation will remain standing.)*

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In the Stripping of the Altar we remember our Lord, stripped of garb and dignity, in the hands of His enemies and accusers, at the point of sacrifice.

There is no benediction. Worshippers may leave the church quietly, or remain for prayer and meditation.

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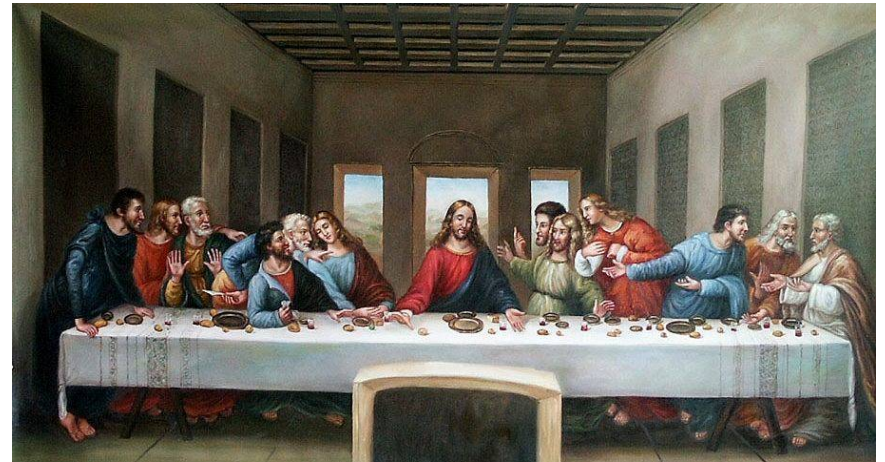
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The COMMUNION GIFTS are offered in thanksgiving to our Lord for the gift of His holy Meal.

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**The Liturgy of the Last Supper
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at 7 PM

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To bring Christ to people and people to Christ.

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