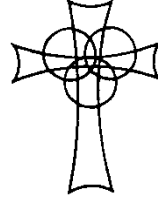


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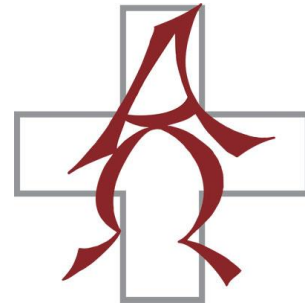
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**Holy Thursday**  
April 9, 2020

✠ **The Office of Vespers** ✠

✠ *Jesus, Mercy* ✠



The Opening Versicles:

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

The Psalmody

*Psalm 67:1-3, 6b-7; antiphon: Galatians 6:14b & Liturgical Text*

**P** But far be it from me to boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;  
by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
**C** **that your way may be known on earth,**  
**your saving power among all nations.**
- P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
**C** **God, our God, shall bless us.**  
**God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**
- P** But far be it from me to boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** **In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;**  
**by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.**

The Office Hymn

*The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 164*

“’Twas on That Dark, That Doleful Night”

- 1 **’Twas on that dark, that doleful night**  
**When powers of earth and hell arose**  
**Against the Son of God's delight**  
**And friends betrayed Him to His foes.**
- 2 **Before the mournful scene began,**  
**He took the bread and blessed and brake.**  
**What love through all His actions ran!**  
**What wondrous words of grace He spake!**
- 3 **“This Is My body, broke for sin;**  
**Receive and eat the living food”;**  
**Then took the cup and blessed the wine:**  
**“’Tis the new cov’nant in My blood.”**
- 4 **“Do this,” He said, “till time shall end,**  
**In mem’ry of your dying Friend.**  
**Meet at My table and record**  
**The love of your departed Lord.”**
- 5 **Jesus, Thy feast we celebrate;**  
**We show Thy death, we sing Thy name,**  
**Till Thou return and we shall eat**  
**The marriage supper of the Lamb.**

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<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** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>17</sup>Now 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?” <sup>18</sup>He 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.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

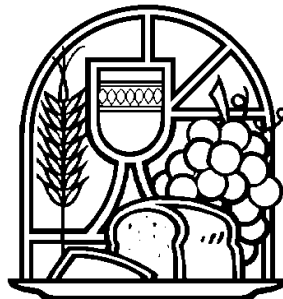
<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He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

<sup>26</sup>Now 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.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I 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.”

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.



The Responory for Holy Thursday:

- P** But He would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.
- C** **The blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **The blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
- C** **The blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

The Hymn

*The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 304*

“An Awe-full Mystery Is Here”

- 1 An awe-full mystery is here  
To challenge faith and waken fear:  
The Savior comes as food divine,  
Concealed in earthly bread and wine.**
- 2 This world is loveless—but above,  
What wondrous boundlessness of love!  
The king of Glory stoops to me  
My spirit's life and strength to be.**
- 3 In consecrated wine and bread  
No eye perceives the myst'ry dread;  
But Jesus' words are strong and clear:  
“My body and My blood are here.”**
- 4 How dull are all the pow'rs of sense  
Employed on proofs of love immense!  
The richest food remains unseen,  
And highest gifts appear—how mean!**
- 5 But here we have no boon on earth,  
And faith alone discerns its worth:  
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,  
And faith assure, since sight's denied.**
- 6 Lord, show us still that Thou art good  
And grant us evermore this food.  
Give faith to ev'ry way'ring soul  
And make each wounded spirit whole.**

The Sermon

“More Than Meets the Eye”

The Antiphon:

*from Philippians 2:8*

**P** Christ, for our sake became obedient unto death.

The Canticle Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 434*

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”  
*A Paraphrase of the Canticle: Agnus Dei*

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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The Prayers

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

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

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

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

The 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 Versicle:

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

The Collects 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.

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord
- C** **Amen.**

The Collect of Intercession:

- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for Your love's sake.
- C** **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace:

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

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