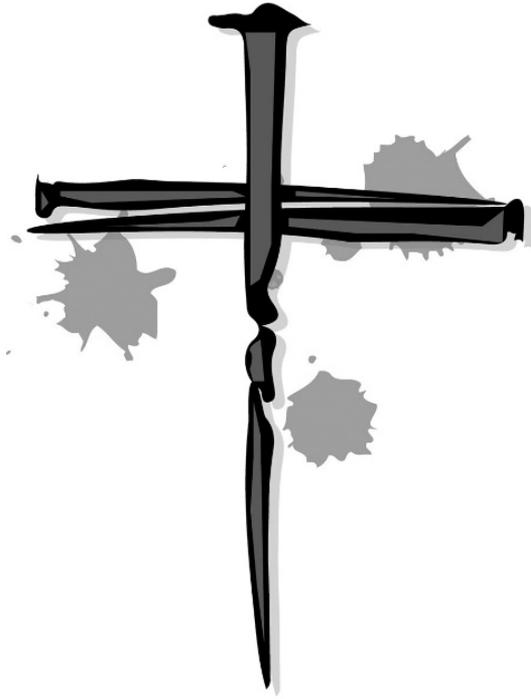


Three Words



of
TRUTH

Take and Eat; Take and Drink

Maundy Thursday 2019

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts | CW 128 (1-3)

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

CW 128 (4-5)

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 116 | CW p.107

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:15-25

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,

C: **you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:26-28

CONFESSION OF FAITH IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: First - What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

M: Where is this written?"

C: **The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and the Apostle Paul tell us: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

M: Second - What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: **That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

M: Third - How can eating and drinking do such great things?

C: **It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.**

M: Fourth - Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: **Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.**

Be seated.

HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | CW 313 (1-4,8)

SERMON - JESUS' PRESENCE GIVES YOU HIS PRESENTS

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. Please fill out the friendship register as it is passed.

6:30 – CHOIR

Just As I Am

Please stand.

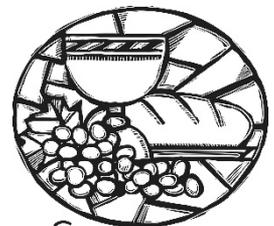
PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!



Sacrament
of Communion

PREFACE (*spoken*)

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

sung to the tune in CW 97

♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord! ♪**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**C: ♪ Lamb of God, pure and holy, CW 268 v. 1
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

M: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**C: ♪ Lamb of God, pure and holy, CW 268 v. 2
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**C: ♪ Lamb of God, pure and holy, CW 268 v. 3
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!**

Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

THE DISTRIBUTION

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take & Eat | CWS 741

Refrain: **Take and eat, take and eat,
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood given up for you.**

**I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. *Refrain***

**I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. *Refrain***

**I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day.
You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood. *Refrain***

**I am the cornerstone that God has laid,
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.
You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. *Refrain***

**I am the Light that came into the world;
I am the Light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Morning Star that never sets.
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine. *Refrain***

**I am the First and Last, the living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song.
You are my bride; come to the marriage feast. *Refrain***

Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped in an unhurried and dignified manner to signify Jesus' abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane. It also prepares us for Jesus' abandonment by his Father on Good Friday.

HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus | CW 103 (1-6)

Please leave in silence, keeping visiting and talking to a minimum, as we begin to take on the somber tones our Savior had as he approached his death.