



# Maundy Thursday

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Communion & Tenebrae Service, April 1, 2021, 6:00 PM

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**Notes on This Evening's Service:** *Thursday of the Mandatum or Maundy Thursday* – The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, in a simple action that taught the disciples, and the church, that Christ's lordliness is shown forth in His humble service for us. The Lord also gave, and continues to give of Himself, in the Sacrament of the Altar, where in fulfillment of Christ's command and promise we "Do this"—receiving the forgiveness of sins in His true Body and Blood given for us to eat and drink in the bread and wine. Following our solemn, yet joyous commemoration of His institution of the Sacrament we travel with the Servant Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us begin in the midst of *Tenebrae*—meaning "Shadow" or "Darkness." As our sanctuary descends into darkness, the altar is stripped. This Maundy Thursday tradition is a stunning, visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22. Following the final Collect of Thanks, all may remain for silent prayer and meditation, then depart in quiet peace and joy.

**Welcome!** In the name of our crucified Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

*Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)*



I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)*

~**Prelude** — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

*(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Hymn 328 vv. 1-3 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness**

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.  
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'rence greet Him,  
For with words of life immortal  
Now He knocketh at thy portal.  
Haste to ope the gates before Him,  
Saying, while thou dost adore Him:  
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,  
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3. He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us hath freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for thee riven,  
And His blood, for thee once given.

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 131)*

P: From the heart let us confess our sins unto God.

**C: O Lord, our God! We come before You as poor sinful beings, and are without excuse in that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and**

**deed. But we believe in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who has suffered for our salvation; and for His sake we pray you: Forgive us all our sins! Grant us Your Holy Spirit, to the end that we may believe Your pardoning Word, and that, according to the purpose and desire of our hearts, we may flee all sin, and may let Your holy and blessed will rule in all things. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

**~Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 131, l; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!

**~Hymn 321 vv. 1-3 Zion, to Thy Savior Singing**

<i>1. Zion, to thy Savior singing, To thy prince and shepherd bringing Sweetest hymns of love and praise, Thou wilt never reach the measure Of His worth, by all the treasure Of thy most ecstatic lays</i>	<i>2. Of all wonders that can thrill thee, And with adoration fill thee, What than this can greater be, That Himself to thee He giveth? He that eateth ever liveth, For the Bread of life is He.</i>
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*3. Fill thy lips to overflowing  
With sweet praise, His mercy showing  
Who this heav'nly table spread:  
On this day so glad and holy,  
To each longing spirit lowly  
Giveth He the living bread.*

**~Salutation** — *The People's Blessing for the Pastor's Work* (ELH p. 45; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

**~Collect** — *The Congregation's Prayer of the Day* (ELH p. 45; p. 154 #57)

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You, that of Your infinite mercy You have instituted this Your Sacrament, in which we eat Your body and drink Your blood: Grant us, we beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not receive this gift unworthily, but that we may confess our sins, remember Your agony and death, believe the forgiveness

of sin, and day by day grow in faith and love, until we obtain eternal salvation; through You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

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## II. The Service of the Word



*(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)*

### ~Epistle Lesson

**1 Corinthians 11:23-32** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself. Because of this, many among you are weak and sick, and quite a few have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be undergoing judgment. However, when we undergo judgment, we are being disciplined by the Lord so that we may not be condemned with the world.

### ~Choir Gradual "*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*"

*(J Franck & G. F. Handel, 1741)*

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;  
Come into the daylight's splendour,  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous banquet founded:  
High o'er all the heavens He reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.*

*Sun, who all my life dost brighten,  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten,  
Joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,  
Fount, whence all my being floweth,  
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Thy glory, given.*

## ~Holy Gospel

**Luke 22:14-20** When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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 of the world to come. ♪ Amen.**

~**Chief Hymn 324 vv. 1-4 O Jesus, at Your Altar Now**

*1. O Jesus, at Your altar now  
In penitence and faith I bow  
Before God's precious Paschal Lamb,  
Who bears the world's great sin and shame.*

*2. My heart to You I gladly bring,  
So sorely wounded by my sin,  
And healing find in that great tide  
That flows from out Your wounded side.*

3. *Today I am my Savior's guest;  
My soul, consider this great feast;  
He bids you now to sit at meat  
With Him—and of Himself to eat.*

4. *Here tenders He in form of bread  
His body, which for you did bleed;  
And in the wine His royal blood,  
Of grace a precious purple flood.*

### ~Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text

**Isaiah 42:6** "I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness; I will take hold of Your hand. I will keep You and will make You to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles."

### ~Sermon Theme

*Road to Redemption: Covenant to Covenant*

1. *We broke the first covenant of the law, given on Mount Sinai.*
2. *In Jesus Christ, we have a new covenant, one of grace.*

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### III. The Service of Holy Communion



*(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)*

*Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38–40.*

**Guests & Visitors:** *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

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### ~Preparation Prayer before Holy Communion

*(ELH p. 40)*

P: We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

**~Hymn 313 vv. 1-3 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

*1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

*2. O grant that I in manner worthy  
May now approach Thy heav'nly Board  
And, as I lowly bow before Thee,  
Look only unto Thee, O Lord.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

*3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

**~Exhortation** — *To examine our hearts and prepare for Communion* (ELH pp. 52-53)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**~Lord's Prayer**

(ELH p. 53; Mt 6:9-13)

**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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Words of Institution** *(ELH p. 54; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"** *(ELH p. 55; Jn 1:29)*

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**~Distribution of Communion** *(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)*

**~Hymn 328 vv. 4-6 Ah, How Hungers All My Spirit**

<i>4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit! Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing, In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted. For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.</i>	<i>5. In my heart I find ascending Holy awe, with rapture blending, As this mystery I ponder, Filling all my soul with wonder, Bearing witness at this hour Of the greatness of God's power; Far beyond all human telling Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.</i>
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*6. Human reason, though it ponder,  
Cannot fathom this great wonder,  
That Christ's body e'er remaineth  
Though it countless souls sustaineth,  
And that He His blood is giving  
With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
Are by God alone expounded.*



**~Hymn 316/317 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

*1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.*

*2. As His pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread  
And with the wine the blood He shed.*

*3. Whoso to this Board repaireth  
May take heed how he prepareth;  
For if he does not believe,  
Then death for life he shall receive.*

*4. Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food hath given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only Son.*

*5. Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.*

*6. Christ says: "Come, all ye that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor  
They who feel no want nor ill  
Need no physician's help nor skill.*

*7. "Useless were for thee My Passion  
If thy works thy weal could fashion.  
This feast is not spread for thee  
If thine own savior thou wilt be."*

*8. If thy heart this truth professes  
And thy mouth thy sin confesses,  
His dear guest thou here shalt be,  
And Christ Himself shall banquet thee.*

**~Hymn 324 vv. 5-8 Eat, Drink, and in Your Heart Be Glad**

*5. Eat, drink, and in your heart be glad  
For such food angels never had;  
And for the cup your Lord now thank,  
Which heaven's angels never drank.*

*6. I trust and know what I obtain  
Is far above my mind's domain.  
My Jesus here entire and whole  
Is food and drink for my poor soul.*

*7. Look earthward, angels, now with me  
And honor this great mystery,  
That Jesus, set at God's right hand,  
Is here in bond of testament.*

*8. In heavenly gladness dwells our Head,  
Yet is He here in this blest bread.  
There dwells He in His pow'r divine,  
Yet gives Himself in this blest wine.*

**~Hymn 327 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

*1. O Lord, we praise Thee, Bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.*

*Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish.*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,*

*And Thy blood for us plead*

*In all trial, fear, and need:*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.*

*No greater love that this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.*

*All our debt Thou hast paid;*

*Peace with God once more is made.*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor*

*To please Him with our behavior*

*And live as brethren here in love and union*

*Nor repent this blest Communion!*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;*

*Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;*

*Give Thy Church, Lord, to see*

*Days of peace and unity:*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

**~Hymn 328 vv. 7-9 Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor**

*7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,*

*Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,*

*Jesus, Joy of my desiring,*

*Fount of life, my soul inspiring—*

*At Thy feet I cry, my Maker:*

*Let me be a fit partaker*

*Of this blessed food from heaven*

*For our good, Thy glory, given.*

*8. Lord, by love and mercy driven,*

*Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven*

*On the cross for me to languish*

*And to die in bitter anguish,*

*To forego all joy and gladness*

*And to shed Thy blood in sadness.*

*By this blood redeemed and living,*

*Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.*

9. *Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,  
Let me gladly here obey Thee.  
By Thy love I am invited;  
Be Thy love with love requited.  
From this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me  
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.*

**~Hymn 313 vv. 12-15 With Thee, Lord, I Am Now United**

12. *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.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

13. *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.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

14. *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.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

15. *My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

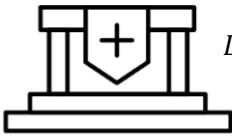
**~Dismissal**— *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p.56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

**~Collect of Thanksgiving** (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**



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#### IV. Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altar and Tenebrae

*Lights are slowly extinguished and the altar is stripped, symbolizing the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and the apparent victory of the powers of darkness in His betrayal and arrest. We compare the events of Christ's agony, as portrayed in one of Lutheranism's finest poems, Kingo's hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" with King David's Messianic Psalm 22. At the end of the service, you may remain for personal prayer and meditation or you may quietly depart.*

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**~Tenebrae Lesson** — *Scripture account of Jesus' entering the "darkness" of His passion*

**Matthew 26:30-32; 36-38** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

#### **~Tenebrae Collect**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, grant unto us hearts that willingly watch with You as we recall Your suffering and agony for the sake of our salvation. In Your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

#### **~Hymn 295 vv. 1-3 Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth**

<i>1. Over Kedron Jesus treadeth, To His passion for us all; Ev'ry human eye be weeping, Tears of bitter grief let fall! Round His spirit flock the foes, Place their shafts and bend their bows, Aiming at the Savior solely, While the world forsakes Him wholly.</i>	<i>2. David once, with heart afflicted, Crossed the Kedron's narrow strand, Clouds of gloom and grief about him When an exile from his land. But, O Jesus, blacker now Bends the cloud above Thy brow, Hasting to death's dreary portals For the shame and sin of mortals.</i>
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*3. Enter now the restful garden  
As a peaceful quiet space,  
Sorrow soon begins to darken,  
Follow Thee in ev'ry place!  
Come now, Adam, come and see  
Enter blest Gethsemane!  
See the Lord of heaven shaking  
Hellish anguish for us taking.*

**~Psalm 22:1-5**

*(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You and were not ashamed.*

**~Hymn 295 vv. 4, 5 See How, Anguish Struck, He Falleth**

*4. See how, anguish-struck, He falleth  
Prostrate, and with struggling breath,  
Three times on His God He calleth,  
Praying that the bitter death  
And the cup of doom may go,  
Still He cries, in all His woe:  
"Not My will, but Thine, O Father!"  
And the angels round Him gather.*

*5. See how, in that hour of darkness,  
Battling with the evil pow'r,  
Agonies untold assail Him,  
On His soul the arrows show'r;  
All the garden flow'rs are wet  
With the drops of bloody sweat,  
From His anguished frame distilling—  
World's redemption thus fulfilling!*

**~Psalm 22:6-11**

*(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)*

*But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.*

**~Hymn 295 v. 6 But, O Flow'rs, So Sadly Watered**

*6. But, O flow'rs, so sadly watered  
By this pure and precious dew,  
In some blessed hour your blossoms  
'Neath the olive-shadows grew!  
Eden's garden did not bear  
Aught that can with you compare,  
For the blood, thus freely given,  
Makes my soul the heir of heaven.*

**~Psalm 22:12-15**

*(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)*

*Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all*

*My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

**~Hymn 295 vv. 7, 8 *When As Flow'rs Themselves, I Wither***

*7. When as flow'rs themselves I wither,  
When I droop and fade like grass,  
When the life-streams through my pulses  
Dull and ever duller pass,  
When at last they cease to roll  
Then, to cheer my singing soul,  
Grace of Jesus, be Thou given-  
Source of triumph! Pledge of heaven!*

*8. Daily I am gladly yearning  
E'er to go to Kedron's stream  
And from earthly pleasure turning  
In a penitential theme!  
Daily in Gethsemane  
With my spirit I shall see  
Jesus' bleeding and His sighing  
For my soul is all His dying.*

**~Psalm 22:16-19**

*(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)*

*For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of wickedness has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!*

**~Prayer at the End of Divine Service**

*(ELH p. 40)*

P: Let us pray: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we humbly beseech You to set Your Passion, Cross and Death between Your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give us mercy and grace, and grant Your Church concord and peace, that at length we shall enjoy everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit You reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**~Silent Prayer & Meditation**

*(Lights will remain dimmed. Please exit in silence.)*

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**Join Us for Our Remaining HOLY  
WEEK Services - 2021  
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**April 2: Good Friday —**

~Area ELS/WELS community—*"Tre Ore Service"* (*"Three Hour Service"*—you may come and go as you are able to attend) at *St. Paul's Lutheran*, North Mankato 12pm - 3pm

~Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at *Mt. Olive* 6pm

**April 4: Easter —**

~Easter Sunrise Service at *Mt Olive* 6:30am

~Easter Festival with Holy Communion at *Mt. Olive* 8am & 10am

**April 5: Easter Monday—**

~Monday evening service with Holy Communion at *Mt. Olive* 6:30pm

