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Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 1, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Divine Service 2

Martin Luther's close friend Lucas Cranach the Elder painted this altarpiece for display above the altar in St Mary's Church in Wittenberg, Germany, which is also known as the City Church. The artwork was installed in 1547 as part of a three-paneled triptych depicting Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Confession & Absolution, built upon the preaching of Christ and Him crucified. If you look closely, Luther himself is the one receiving the Communion chalice from the hand of Cranach. Cranach was a Renaissance man, serving several terms as mayor of Wittenberg, as well as being a painter, printer, and early pharmacist.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us, Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart. -- LSB700, st 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Not All the Blood of Beasts – Flor Peeters**

Hymn of Invocation **431 Not All the Blood of Beasts**

1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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STAND

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

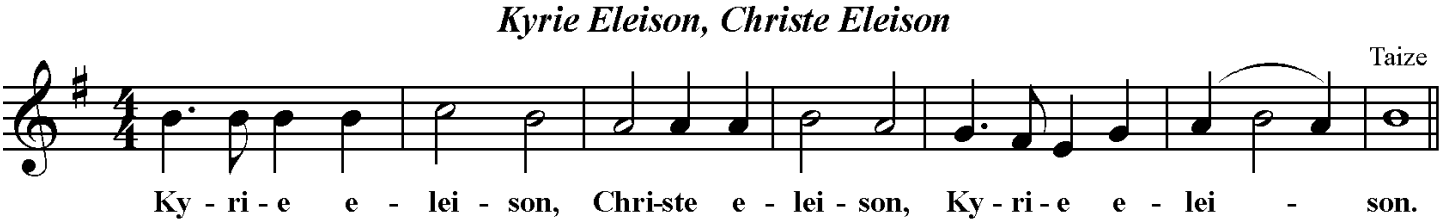
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit **Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C our God is merciful.
P I love the LORD, because he has heard
C my voice and my pleas for mercy.
P Because he inclined his ear to me,
C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C I suffered distress and anguish.
P Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C our God is merciful.

Kyrie (3 times)



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

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Old Testament Reading **Exodus 24:3–11**

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered
with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." 4 And Moses wrote down all the words
of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars,
according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings
and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half
of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the
people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." 8 And Moses took the
blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in
accordance with all these words."

[9]Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, [10]and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. [11]And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual **Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a**

P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
C thus securing an eternal redemption.
P Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
P He sent redemption to his people;
C he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 10:16–17**

[16]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? [17]Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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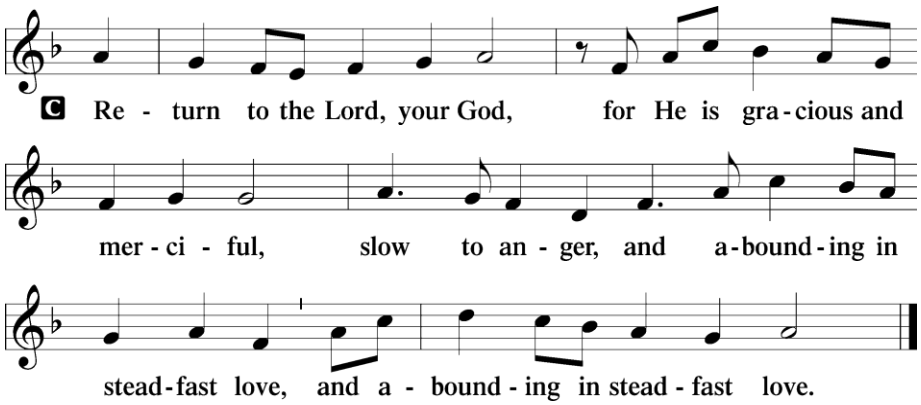
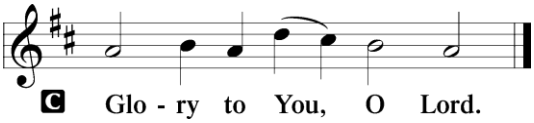
Lenten Verse **LSB 173**



Holy Gospel **Mark 14:12-26**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

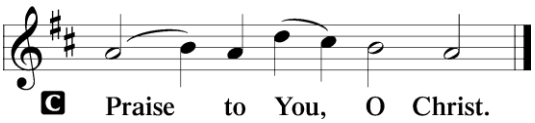


[12]On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" [13]And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, [14]and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' [15]And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." [16]And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

[17]And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. [18]And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." [19]They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" [20]He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. [21]For 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."

[22]And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." [23]And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. [24]And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. [25]Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." [26]And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Hymn of the Day **446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table**

1 Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant's task began.

2 Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.

3 Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father's plan.

4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.

5 Jesus gave to His disciples
A commandment that was new:
"Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too."

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Sermon **"Here's What Mercy Looks Like" (2 Samuel 9)**

STAND

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12, John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ☩ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalm 106:48*

Prayer of the Church

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"Christian Questions & Answers" **Luther's Small Catechism**

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?
C Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
P How do you know this?
C From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
P Are you sorry for your sins?
C Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
P What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
C His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
P Do you hope to be saved?
C Yes, this is my hope.
P In whom then do you trust?
C In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

P Who is Christ?
C The Son of God, true God and man.
P How many Gods are there?
C Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
C He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
P Did the Father also die for you?
C He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed his blood for me.
P How do you know this?
C From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
P Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
C Yes, I believe it.
P What convinces you to believe this?
C The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

P What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
C We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
P Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
C First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.
P What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
C His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

P Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
C That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.
P What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
C First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.
P But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?
C To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

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Offering **Not All the Blood of Beasts – Benjamin M. Culli**

(Your offering can be left in the large brown box at the back of the nave,
mailed into the Church Office at 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122, or
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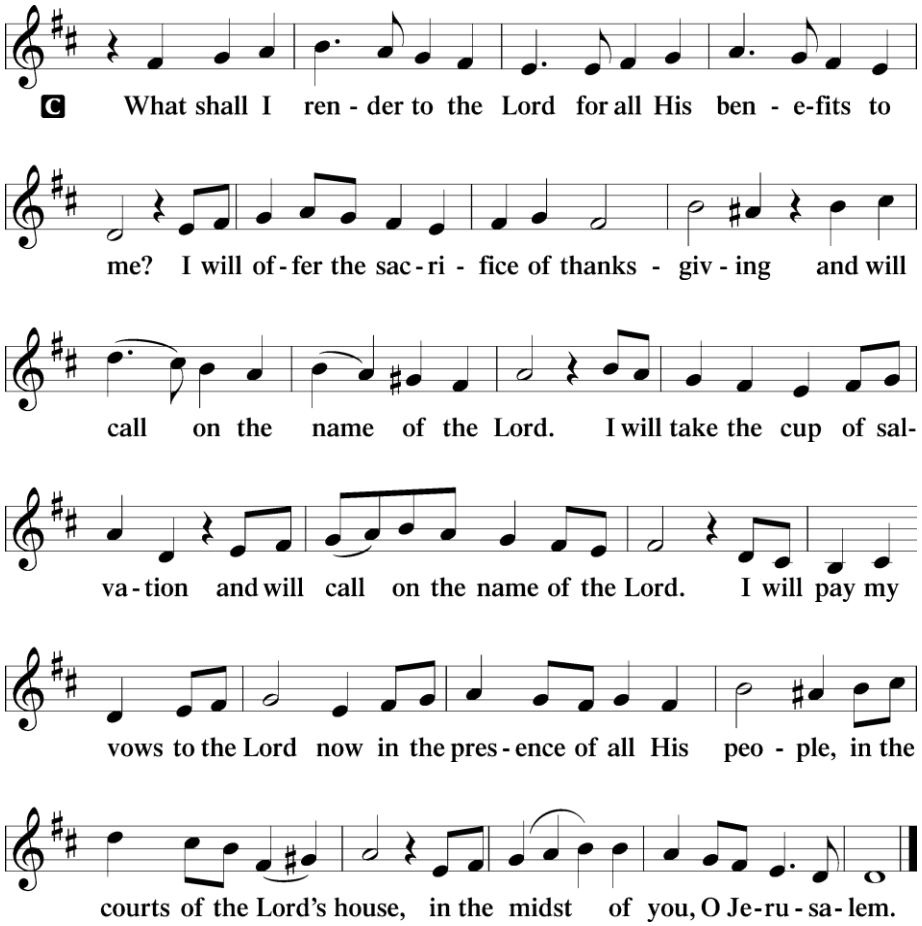
Offertory **LSB 176**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

Preface **LSB 177**

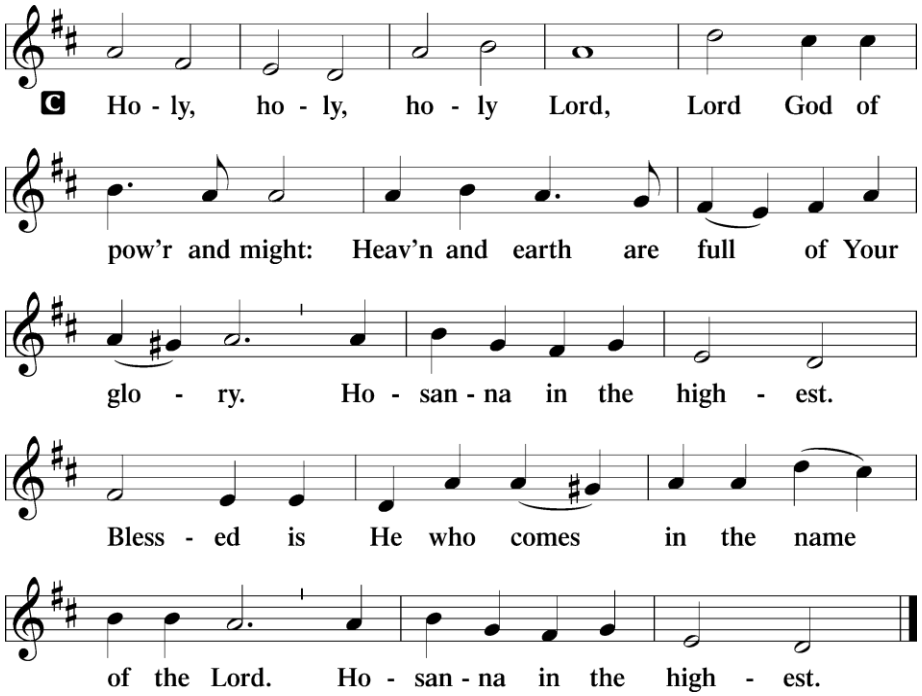
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus **LSB 178**



Prayer of Thanksgiving **LSB 178**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Words of Our Lord

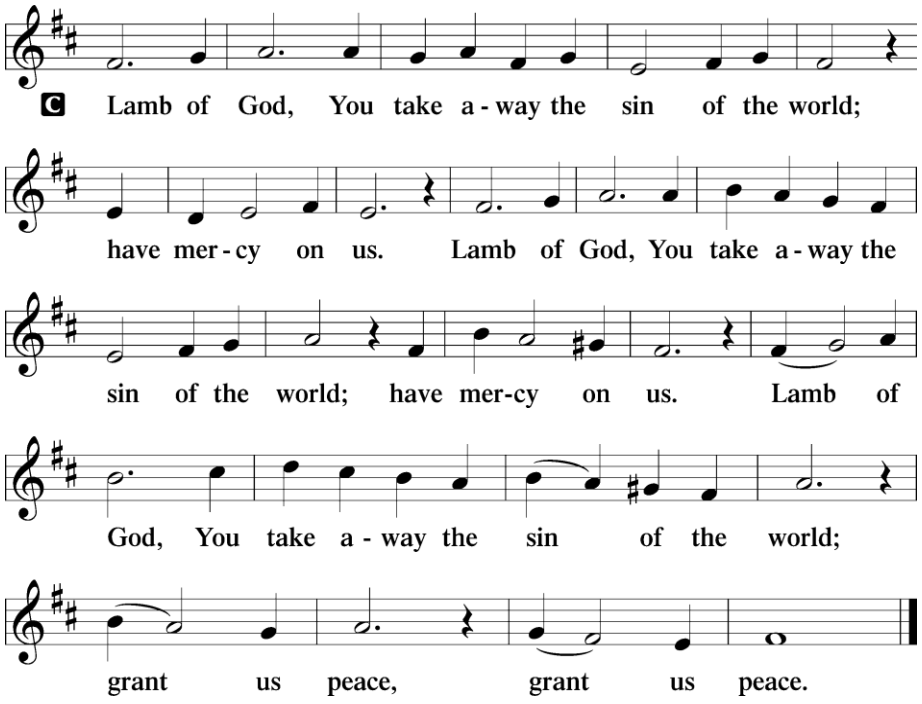
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini **LSB 180**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei **LSB 180**



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Hymns During Communion Distribution

547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

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.

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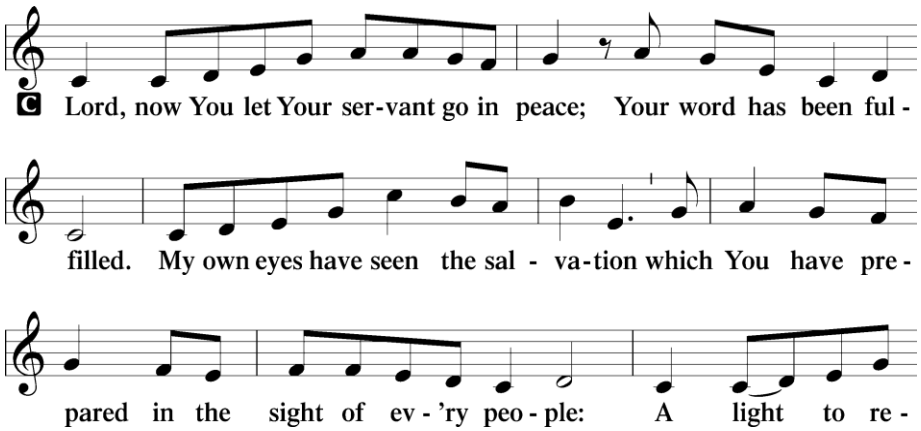
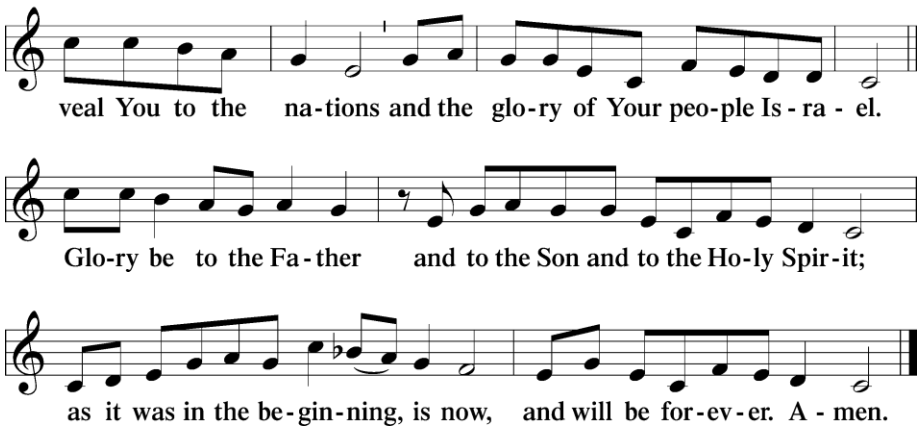
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis **LSB 182**





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 Stripping of the Altar

The rite of stripping the altar is the church's preparation for Good Friday and the deep mystery of the death of God for the sins of the world. During the stripping "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" is sung by the choir. The sacred vessels and cloth paraments are removed from the altar, together with other chancel furnishings, as a reminder of our Savior's stripping, suffering, and death for the sins of the world. "For the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Dismissal

When pastor leaves the chancel, worshippers may leave in silence.

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments today are the color of the Godhead and point us ahead to festive Easter white after the penitential purple of Lent.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Liturgist	Vicar Sam Lee
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	James Aldinger
Chancel Assistant	Mark Ewert
Usher Team on duty	Andrew Alles, Ella Donath, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Kylie Kruck, Tyler Ky, Lizzie Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson
Altar Guild	The Whole Team