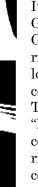
The Three Holy Days of Christendom

Holy Week 2022







The Triduum (TRID-oo-um, "three days") refers to the time from worship on Maundy Thursday until the final worship of Easter Day. The "Three Holy Days" of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire church year. It is over these days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter – that we celebrate God's redeeming love in the dying and rising of his Son, Jesus, and still see that love today. The Triduum is a single celebration. Once we have begun the Triduum on Maundy Thursday, we do not "leave" it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of dying and rising, with Christ. Thus this booklet. It contains as one liturgy our corporate worship life during the Three Holy Days of 2022.

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Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to

Glorify God as we help people

Grow in the

Gospel

and **Go**

with the

Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday ushers the believer into the "Three Holy Days" of Christendom. It is more than history that is celebrated today. The Holy Sacrament extends to the believer the very body and blood of our Savior and gives the forgiveness of sins.



Christ shows us the full extent of God's love for us. The Church calls this day *Maundy* because of Jesus' new command in the Gospel that his followers love one another (it is the *dies mandati*).. Christ shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. He loves us more than life. His blood paints the way to our salvation. Reconciled to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we follow his command to love him and each other.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. When placed here, the sermon provides (both by its placement and content) a powerful preamble to the Instruction for the End of Lent and the confession that follows.

Sermon Laodicea: Complacency—Death by Indifference Rev 3:14-22

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: 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.

With the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the 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 in the name and 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 drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant that makes us one in him. The Lord's Supper 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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Stand

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- M: Our Lord, who has forgiven us and reconciled us to God through Christ our Lord, has also promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Brothers and sisters, I forgive you just as in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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 the 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.

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah prophesies of the New Covenant. Quoted in Hebrews 10 and fulfilled in Luke 22, this prophecy proclaims a time that has now come. Gone is the covenant of old. It is replaced by knowledge of the Lord, membership in his family, and the forgiveness of sins. He is our God; we are his people.

31 "The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel

and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them"

declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God.

and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'

because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest,"

declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more." (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116 (page 56 of CWS)





I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice; he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and <u>right</u>eous; when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling.

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson Hebrews 10:15-25

Linking promise to fulfillment, shadow to reality, the Holy Spirit testifies to the new covenant. The sacrifice has been made, once for all. The purifying waters of baptism have connected us to his death and life. His blood marks the door frames of our hearts. Yes, all barriers have been removed so that we may approach the God of the Covenant in the full confidence of forgiveness.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."[Jer 31:33]

¹⁷ Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts

I will remember no more."[Jer 31:34]

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to

God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Stand

Gospel Luke 22:7-20

Here is the final Passover and the establishment of the New Covenant meal. Through the sacrifice of his own body and blood, the Lamb of God brings assurance of the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith. Participation in this, his body and blood, proclaims his death until we eat and drink it with him in eternity.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

 17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated



Prayers of the People

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the president of our synod, for the president of our district, for all pastors and teachers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: For a blessing on human labor and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.
- C: Amen.
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The Lord's Prayer

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 SACRAMENT

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



Words of Institution

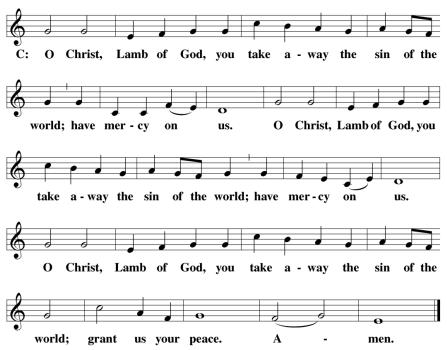
M: Our Lord Jesus, Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Be Seated

Distribution

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. Thank you.

Junior Choir

Jesus Took the Cup (11:00 a.m.)

Choir

Remember Me When You Eat This Bread (7:00 p.m.)

THANKSGIVING

Stand

O Lord, We Praise You



Text: German folk hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis,

Tune: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET (PM) Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

The post-Communion moves liturgically from the upper room in Jerusalem to Gethsemane's Garden in preparation for Good Friday. The altar, which represents the presence of Christ, becomes the focus. After the Communion table has been cleared to the sacristy, the altar is solemnly stripped of its vestments and appointments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The liturgy ends in silence; the congregation hears no benediction . . . yet. Rather, the Three Holy Days' services flow into one another as the congregation disperses in silence to reassemble on Good Friday.

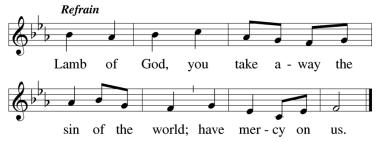
 ${\bf Hymn} \qquad \qquad What \ Wondrous \ Love \ is \ This \ {\rm CW} \ 120$ During the hymn the Communion vessels and linens are removed to sacristy



Text: A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.
Tune: Wondrous Love (12 9 66 12 9) Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835.

Psalm 22

During the psalm the altar is solemnly stripped. Psalm 22 leads us into the worship of Good Friday, where we see our Savior forsaken on the cross.





My God, my God, why have you for saken me?*
Why are you so far from saving me?

I am a worm and <u>not</u> a man,* scorned by men and despised by the <u>people</u>.

All who see me <u>mock</u> me;* they hurl insults, shaking <u>their</u> heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.*

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof <u>of</u> my mouth;* you lay me in the <u>dust</u> of death.

A band of evil men has en<u>cir</u>cled me,* they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them* and cast lots for my <u>clothing</u>.

But you, O LORD, be not <u>far</u> off;*
O my Strength, come quickly to <u>help</u> me.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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The Psalm ends, the pastor exits the chancel, and the congregation disperses quietly into the night. The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

Offerings may be placed in the baskets in the back of church as you leave.

If **possible**, please return the service folder to the stands by the doors in the rear of church as you leave. They will be used Friday through Sunday and may be taken home Sunday.

The Three Holy Days Worship continues on Good Friday. *Cross of Christ* worship will be at 11:00 a.m. *Tenebrae* worship will be at 7:00 p.m. Both services will have communion.