

Welcome! The Gospels present a bleak picture for Jesus' disciples on the night on which He was betrayed. They had all fallen away. Each of the disciples asked, "Is it I Lord?" They each wondered if they were the one to betray Him. And, though Judas betrayed Him most directly, they all turned their back and left Jesus alone. Judas recognized his betrayal, and he tried to fix what he had done. But He didn't look to Jesus. He didn't believe that he could be forgiven, and he fell into despair. But thanks be to God that Jesus does not betray us, He does not leave us alone, and there is always hope in His forgiveness – no matter how we've betrayed Him. So, take, drink: the blood of Christ given for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of Bell & Welcome



Invocation

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

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
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Confession and Absolution

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.

♣ Service of the Word **♣**

Introit

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Psalm 116:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

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

Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- 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.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

Epistle Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,

and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

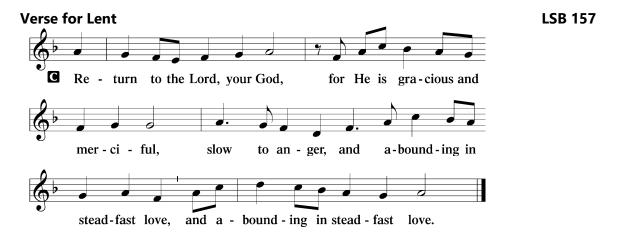
"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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



Holy Gospel Luke 22:1–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given

thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

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- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





Message "Judas Who Didn't Believe He Could Be Forgiven" Matthew 27:1-5

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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 He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

Rite of First Communion, Prior to Confirmation

Offering

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

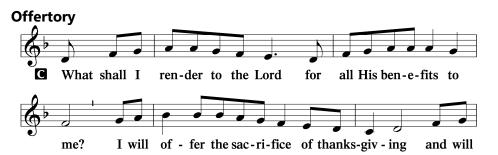
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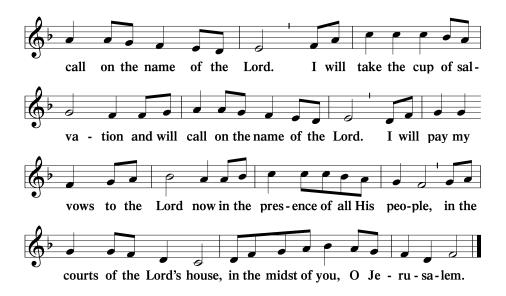
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You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed through your pew. If you would like to be part of our online giving community, feel free to scan this QR code for access to our app and giving portal. You may also text "Suburbanblc" to 833-418-8983.







→ PRAYER →

Prayer of the Church

The congregation will sing the hymn twice before the first petition, then once after each of the three petitions.



Collect for Peace

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.

♣ Service of the Sacrament **♣**

Preface LSB 160

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



- We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 singing:

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

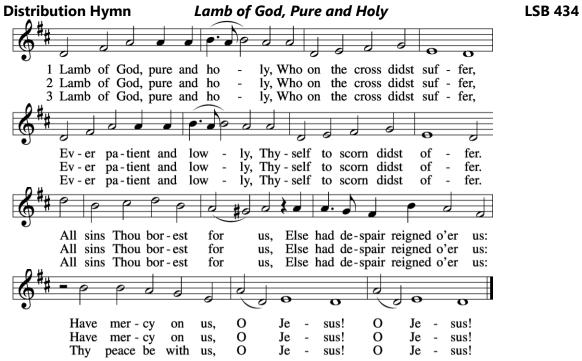
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

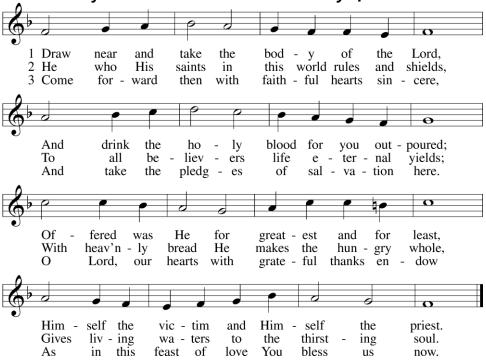


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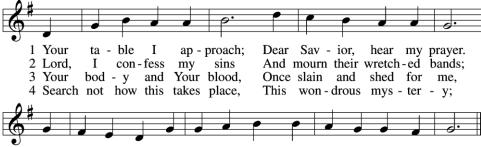
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Your Table I Approach

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Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind. 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.



Come, Let Us Eat



The Dismissal

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

 → in peace.
- Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified with Him," just after Judas had left to betray Him. Jesus, in His good time, washed the disciples' feet, inaugurated a new commandment to love one another, and instituted The Lord's Supper for the life of the Church; now the time for Jesus' death was drawing near. As we speak the following responses and hear portions of Psalm 22, which Jesus prayed and fulfilled on the cross, the various lay leaders will strip the altar, remove the linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles from the chancel, symbolizing the abuse and abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that follow.
- P After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, trial before Pilate, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and, finally, execution by crucifixion. Jesus' body and blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.
- As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

The communion vessels are reverently removed.

- P The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.
- When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- P As this statement was fulfilled on the cross, the crosses are removed from the chancel.

The crosses are reverently removed.

- P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.
- P As creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

The candles are extinguished and are removed.

- P Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form.
- As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The offerings are removed.

- The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen, material appropriate for feasting with our King.
- As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

The altar cloths and paraments are removed.

- P The altar is also the place where our Lord daily washes our sins away.
- The altar is now washed, reminding us of the desperation we are in need of His forgiveness.

The altar is washed.

There is no Benediction until Easter Sunday where the liturgy of the Great Three Days concludes. Our Lenten journey continues with the Good Friday Services tomorrow: 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm.

Post-Service Music

Worship Leaders

Preacher: Vicar Adam Nieting

Liturgy: Pastor Alex Duff & Pastor Bill Mueller

Scripture Reading: Sem. Stephen Lane

Organist: Bob Diss Acolyte: Trinity Snyder

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HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18
NOON WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 PM -TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAYER VIGIL - THE SANCTUARY AND PASTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 3 PM-5 PM 5:00 PM EASTER VIGIL SERVICE WITH LORD'S SUPPER

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20
6:53 AM EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE
(BEGINS IN THE CEMETERY, WEATHER PERMITTING)
8:30 AM BLENDED FESTIVE EASTER SERVICE
10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY FESTIVE EASTER SERVICE
LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT ALL THREE SERVICES
EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
FROM 8:00 - 10:45 AM