

Maundy Thursday

The First Day of the Triduum + March 28, 2024

Crown of Life Lutheran Church + San Antonio, Texas

ABOUT CORPORATE CONFESSION & INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION: The order of confession for Holy Thursday serves as a bookend to the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. At the start of Lent, repentant Christians stepped forward to be told one-by-one that the wages of sin is death *for them*: “Remember *you* are dust, and to dust *you* will return” or “May these ashes of repentance lead *you* to the joy of Christ’s resurrection.”

With Good Friday and the remembrance of our Lord’s cross only a day away, penitent Christians now step forward to hear the Absolution individually. As your Pastors touched foreheads with a cross of ashes, your Pastors will mark penitents’ foreheads with the sign of the cross and say: “In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive *you* all *your* sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go, you are free.” To which the forgiven sinner responds: “Amen!”

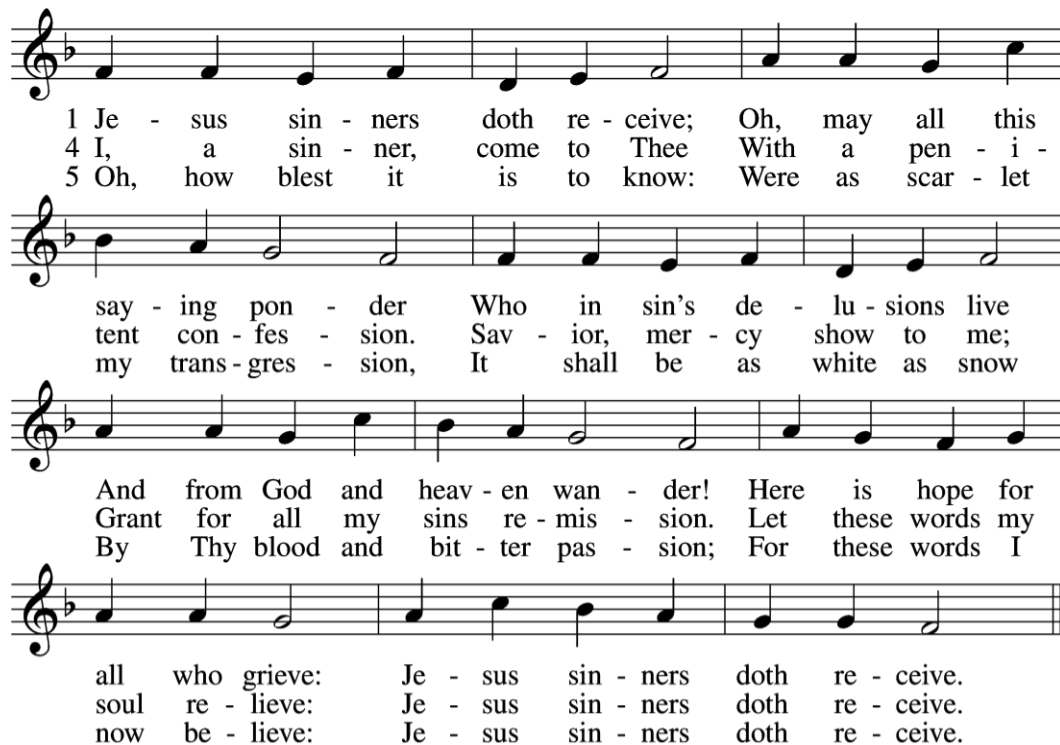
All are welcome to come forward to receive this Absolution individually from Pastor Barz or Pastor Kachelmeier at the rail, just as you received ashes on Ash Wednesday. You may kneel (or remain standing) to await the words of Absolution. Penitents who are unable, or do not wish, to come forward for individual Absolution are assured that the Word of Christ’s forgiveness spoken to others is spoken to and for them also.

+ In the Name of Jesus +

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

The HYMN: “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

(LSB #609, stanzas 1,4,5)



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

(We stand for)

The INVOCATION & RESPONSES:

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** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

The CONFESSINAL ADDRESS:

The CONFESSION OF SINS:

- P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
C Amen.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.
 You may kneel on the floor or sit, leaning forward.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C Amen.
P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
C Yes.
P Let it be done for you as you believe.

(We are seated for)

The ABSOLUTION:

*Without ushering, Penitents are invited to come forward (families may certainly come forward together), to kneel or stand at the Communion Rail and receive Absolution individually.
 During this time, read and reflect on the following portions of the Psalms below...*

Psalm 51	Psalm 130
<p>Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.</p>	<p>Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! ²O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. ⁸And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.</p>

*When all those absolved have returned to their seats,
the Congregation stands:*

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

C Amen.

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

The INTROIT:

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

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.



C Because He inclined His | ear to me,* 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;* I suffered
distress and | anguish.

C Then I called on the name | of the LORD:* “O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

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

The 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.

(We are seated for)

The OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY:

Psalm 116:1-2,5,7-8,12-14,17-18

- P** I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
C **Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**
P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
C **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**
P For You have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**
P What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
C **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**
P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.
C **I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**
P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,
C **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

The EPISTLE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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.

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

(We stand for)

The 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.**

The HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 14:12-26

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The APOSTOLIC CREED:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting.

Amen.

(We are seated for)

The SERMON: "A FIRST MEAL, A SECOND MEAL, A FINAL MEAL"

(We stand for)

The PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

To All Worshipers Regarding Holy Communion

We are glad you are here at Crown of Life on this holy day. If you are a member of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we invite you to receive the Lord's Supper at this altar. We ask other guests to speak with Pastor Barz or Pastor Kachelmeier regarding future participation in this Sacrament. Baptized Christians not yet instructed to receive within this confession and fellowship are invited to receive a Baptismal blessing at the Railing.



\dagger SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT \dagger

The PREFACE:

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.

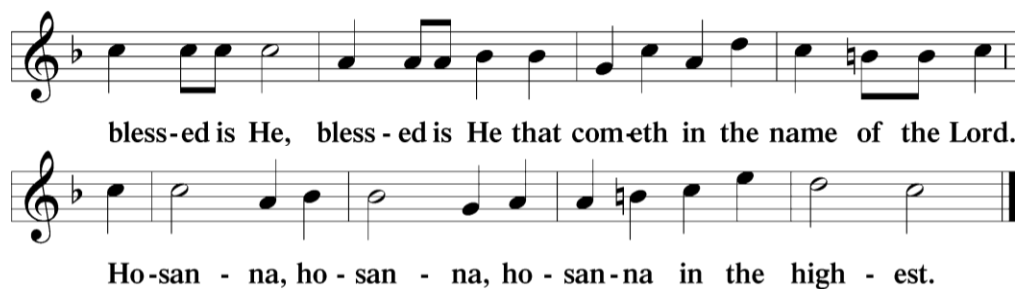
The SANCTUS:

(LSB, page 195)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

Continued...



The PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

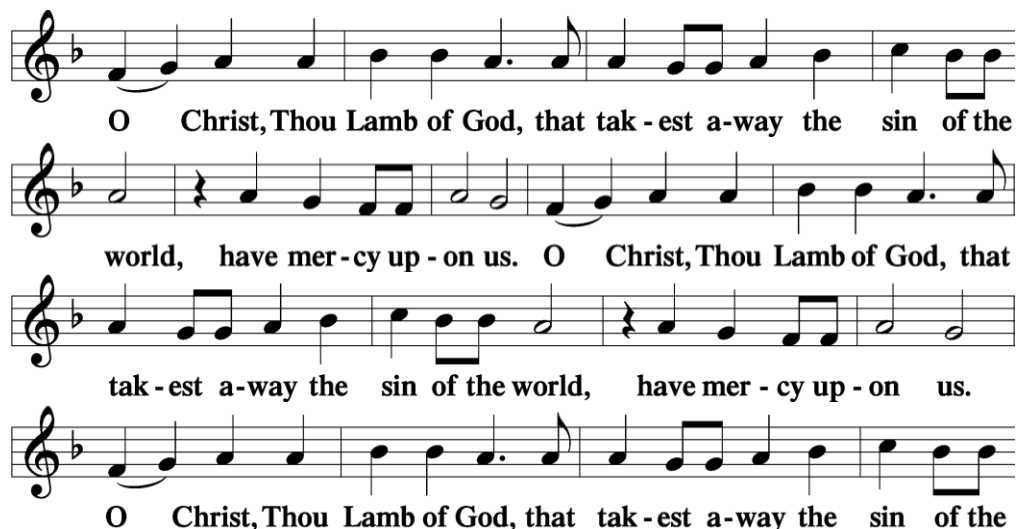
The WORDS OF OUR LORD:

The PAX DOMINI:

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

The AGNUS DEI:

(LSB, page 198)





(We are seated for)

The DISTRIBUTION:

“What Is This Bread?”

(LSB #629)

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 3 So who am I, That I should
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

“Your Table I Approach”

(LSB #628)

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

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.

(We stand for)

The DISMISSAL:

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.

The THANKSGIVING:

(1 Corinthians 11:26; Psalm 103:1-4)

P “Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,

C You proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

All: “Praise the LORD, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;

He redeems my life from the pit

and crowns me with love and compassion.”

The HYMN: “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

(LSB #632)

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

*Reflecting the unity of our worship during the Triduum
(Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday),
no Benediction is spoken until the close of worship on Resurrection morning.*

✠ THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

*At the close of the 7:00 pm Service, Psalm 22 is chanted as the Altar is stripped,
the Cross is veiled, and the Chancel is prepared for Good Friday.*

As you watch and listen, may this also be a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Holy Week Offerings
May be placed in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.



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