

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Dawson Creek, BC

HOLY THURSDAY

The Quarantine of Lent Is Over

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AS WE GATHER

The quarantine (literally, forty days) of Lent, a time of repentance, began on Ash Wednesday with an extended prayer and confession of sins, and with this reminder: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The forty days (not including Sundays, which are considered “little Easters”) come to their conclusion now in the three holy days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Therefore these days center around the only sacrifice that gives us absolution, the forgiveness we so desire: the body and blood of the Lord’s Supper that proclaim the glorious substitutionary suffering and death of our Lord on the cross and interment in the tomb. Only in this way can a person know and believe what there is to be so happy about on Easter Sunday!

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN #445- “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” VS 1-3

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God's Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living. Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that through the Lord Jesus Christ, God Forgives you all your sin?
People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify us completely, and may our whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:3–11* (The Lord's covenant with the people)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

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

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 10:16–17* (Participation in the body and blood of Christ)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 14:12–26*
(The Passover with the disciples)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # 629 – “What is This Bread?”

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we offer to You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Holy Church throughout the world and for this congregation gathered in Your name. Guide and govern Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the truth in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. As Your Son, our Lord Jesus, commanded us, enable us to love one another in sincerity and truth.

Be merciful to all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. Preserve all who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions.

We praise You for the abundant mercy that You so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word abide in our

hearts. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Deliver and preserve us in the saving faith, and grant Your blessing upon us all; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of
My groaning?
O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"
Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.
On You was I cast from My birth,
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within My breast;
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
you lay Me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass Me;
 a company of evildoers encircles Me;
 they have pierced My hands and feet—
I can count all My bones—
 they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
 and for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O LORD, do not be far off!
 O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
Deliver My soul from the sword,
 My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!
I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
 and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For He has not despised or abhorred
 the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His face from Him,
 but has heard, when He cried to Him.
From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
 May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
 and He rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
 before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve Him;
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a
people yet unborn,
 that He has done it.

The Service continues on Good Friday