

# In View of God's Mercy

April 14, 2022

## Maundy Thursday: Mercy

## in Bread and Wine

## Order of Service

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26*

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

P He who has no money, come, buy and eat without price.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

P Listen diligently to me, says the Lord; eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

P Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

P I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

P This is my body which is for you. ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

**C Come to the feast of the Lord.**

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

**C Amen.**

**HYMN:** *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray* LSB #623

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on you today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, your body broken and your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love retold; All that you are we here receive, and all we are to you we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, rejoicing in our unity, Proclaim your love until you come to bring your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day When each will be your welcomed guest in heaven's high and holy feast.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** On the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread and wine and gave it to his disciples as the meal of the New Covenant. Tonight as we prepare to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, we confess that we have betrayed our Lord by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. We repent of that sin, and we seek God's mercy to forgive our iniquity.

**C** **Most merciful God, we are not worthy to receive you. We are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed your Word and disregarded your will for us. We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed his body and blood for our salvation, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.**

**P** We cry to you for mercy!

**C** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)*

**P** Hear the good news! God's Word declares: "the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Exodus 16:4-5

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 26:26-29

**HYMN:** *“Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord”* #637

Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was he for greatest and for least, himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who his saints in this world rules and shields, to all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow as in this feast of love you bless us now.

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS**

P Loving Lord Jesus, we approach your table of grace today as unworthy guests.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P You invite us to eat the bread and drink the wine of salva-

tion.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P You invite us to receive your body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sin.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P You invite us to do this in remembrance of you, as we appropriate the fruit of your sacrificial death.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P You invite us to proclaim your death by partaking in this covenant meal of grace.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to recognize your presence and receive in true faith the benefits of this meal—the forgiveness of sin, eternal life and the gift of salvation.

**C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

P Give us this day your holy bread to forgive us our trespasses and deliver us from evil.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May the merciful God, who sent his Son to be the life of the world, enliven you by his living presence, though Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN:** *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee*      *LSB #632*

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to thee my heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed on me thy body and thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, with joy and say: what wealth is come to  
me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: how blessed am  
I! How good thou art!

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