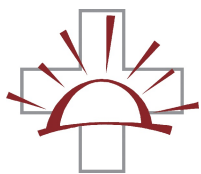


LENT MID-WEEK 4

10:30am

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021



MORNING PRAYER

PASTORAL GREETING

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

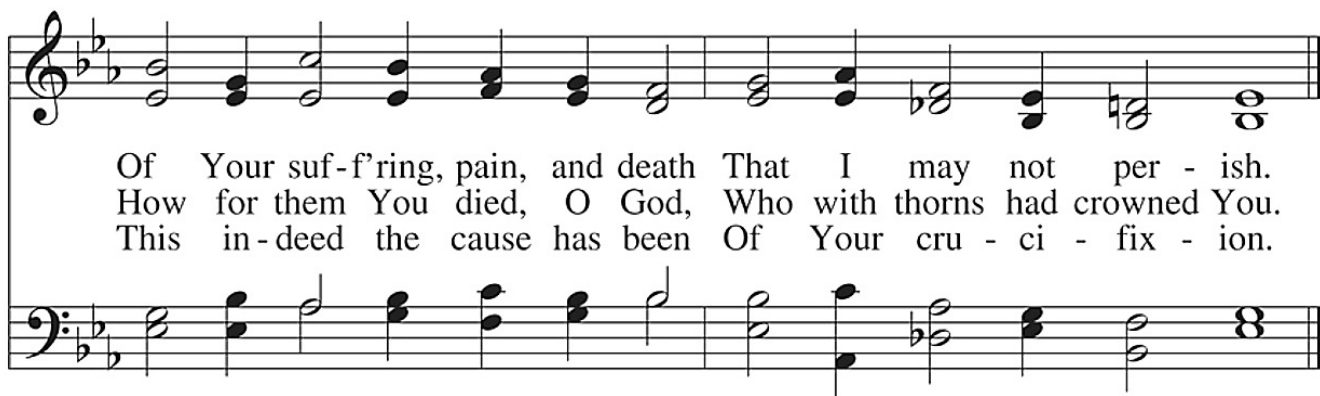
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Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,

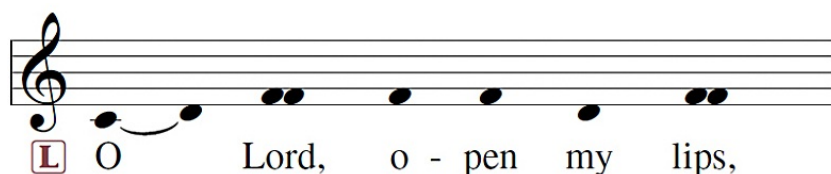
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.

Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;



Of Your suf-f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per-ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in-deed the cause has been Of Your cru-ci-fix-ion.

OPENING SENTENCES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,

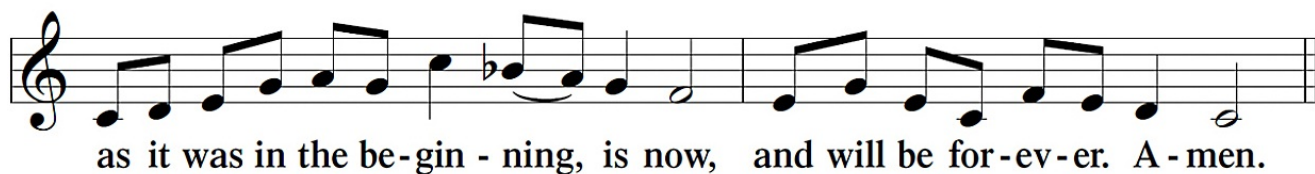


C and my mouth shall de-clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

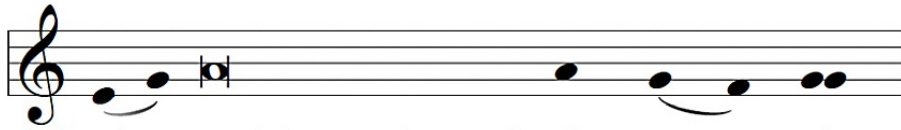


as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



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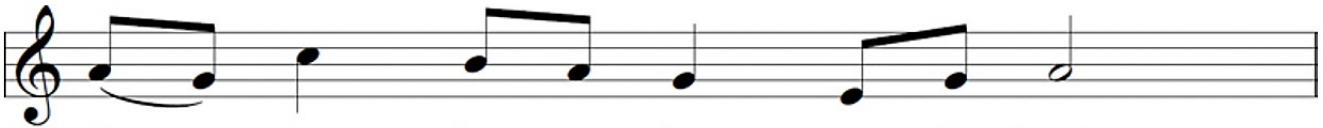


L The Lord has redeemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing*



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



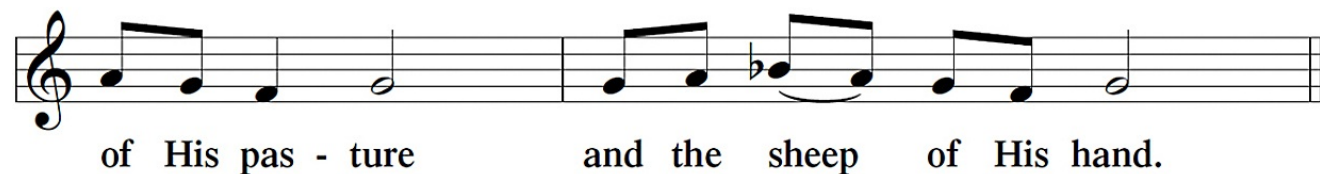
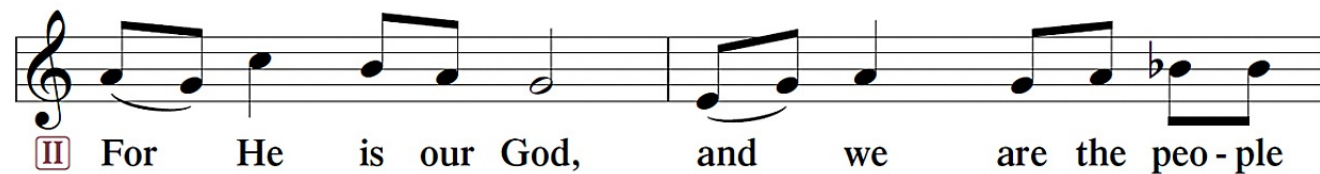
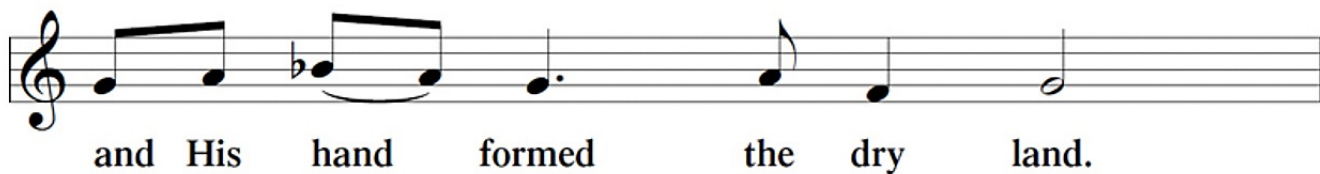
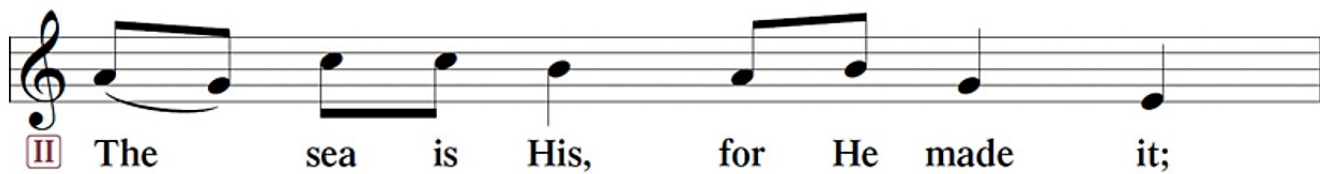
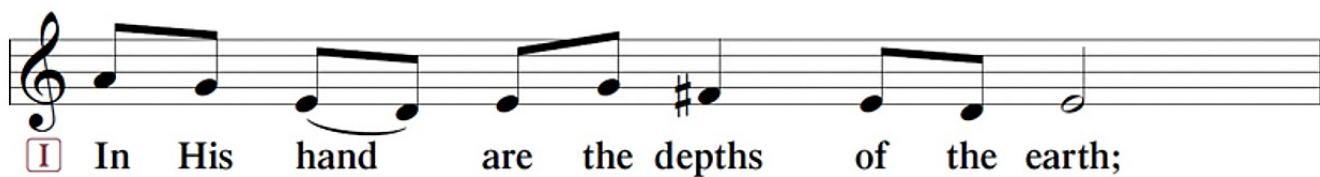
I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;

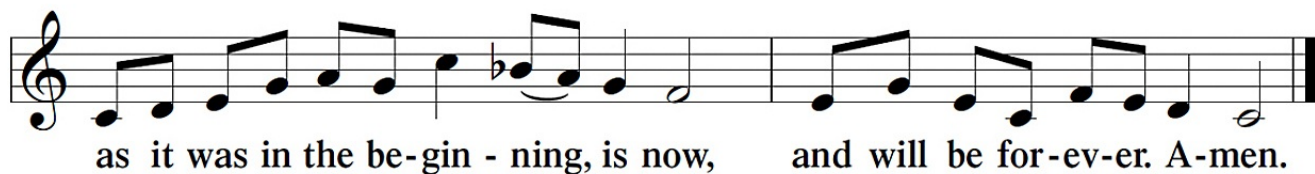
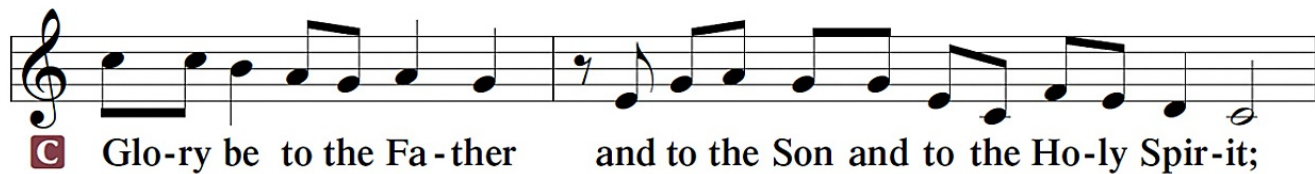


let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.

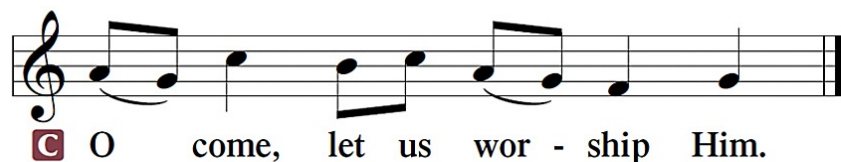
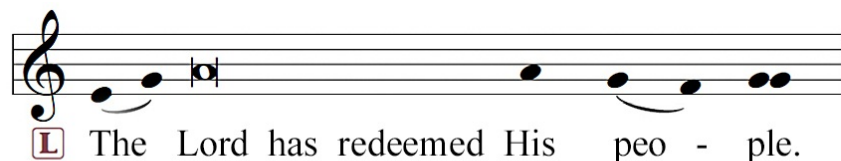


II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.





Antiphon for Lent



Sit



OFFICE HYMN

440

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

4 Grant that I Your pas-sion view With re-pen-tant griev-ing.
5 If my sins give me a-larm And my con-science grieve me,
6 Gra-cious-ly my faith re-new; Help me bear my cross-es,

Let me not bring shame to You By un-ho-ly liv-ing.
Let Your cross my fear dis-arm; Peace of con-science give me.
Learn-ing hum-ble-ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss-es.

How could I re-fuse to shun Ev-'ry sin-ful plea-sure.
Help me see for-give-ness won By Your ho-ly pas-sion.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav-ior,

Since for me God's on-ly Son Suf-fered with-out mea-sure?
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com-pas-sion!
That I may in heav'n a-bove Sing Your praise for-ev-er.

READINGS

FIRST READING ~ *Malachi 3:6–12*

⁶ “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

SECOND READING ~ *Matthew 6:25–33*

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
According to St. Mark – Part 4: Mark 15:1-20

Evangelist: *And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,*

CHORUS: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: *And he answered him,*

CHRIST: “You have said so.”

Evangelist: *And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him,*

CHORUS: “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Evangelist: *But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying,*

CHORUS: “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: *For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them,*

CHORUS: “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: *And they cried out again,*

CHORUS: “Crucify him.”

Evangelist: *And Pilate said to them,*

CHORUS: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Evangelist: *But they shouted all the more,*

CHORUS: “Crucify him.”

Evangelist: *So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him,*

CHORUS: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Evangelist: *And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.*

- A** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.** *Hebrews 1:1-2a*

Sit

Prayer for Grace to Receive the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERMON ~ “Return to the Lord . . . Who Does Not Change”

Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:25-33

Stand

- P** The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**

CANTICLE

BENEDICTUS ~ Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

C Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;

He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.

He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,

born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.

Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old

that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who

hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and



right - teous in His sight all the days of our life.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

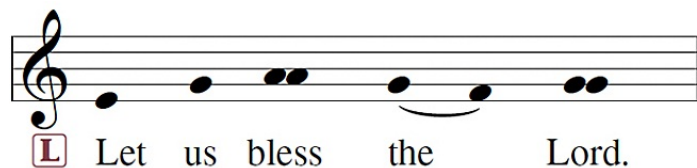
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from ✠ evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

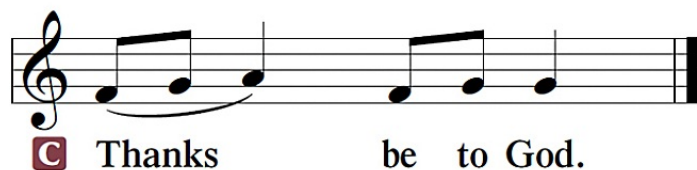
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Matthew 6:9-13

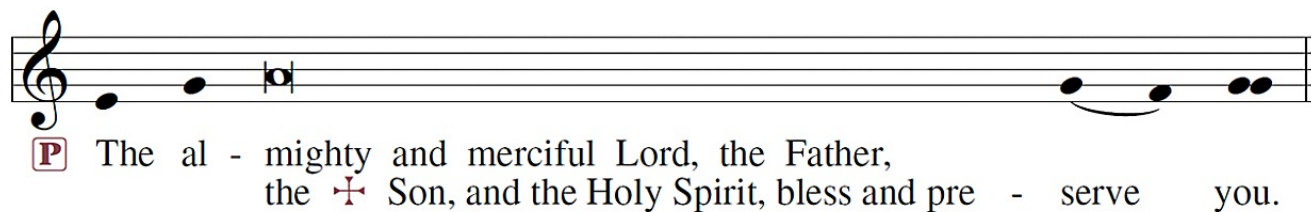
BENEDICAMUS



[Psalm 103:1]



BENEDICTION



Sit

CLOSING HYMN ~ 45 l

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the

tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P 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."

P 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C Amen.

- C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

- P** Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
C Amen
- P** Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
C Amen
- P** The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.
C Amen

As soon as you have communed, please exit via the side aisle and return to your vehicle. God bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

✝ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✝

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