

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026



FOR MANY MEANS FOR YOU

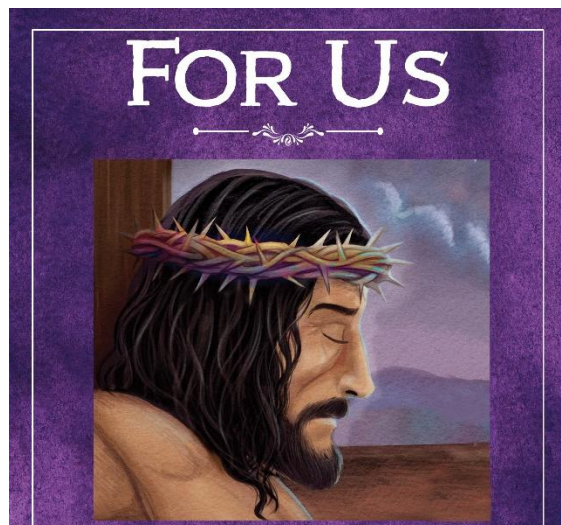
AS WE GATHER

We have been reflecting a great deal on the phrase “for us.” Tonight, though, we will hear about the phrase “for many” as Jesus gives His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Jesus and the disciples are celebrating the Passover, but Jesus does something new. We hear echoes of how Moses and the elders saw God (Exodus 24:3–11), recognizing that the sacrifices of old will not satisfy (Hebrews 9:11–22). When Jesus says the phrase “for many,” He is clearly pointing the disciples to the fact that His death was not only for them alone but for the sins of the world. Because you are a part of the many, “for us” still holds true.

INVOCATION

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

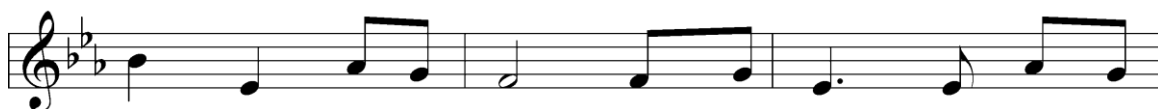
People: Amen.



445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



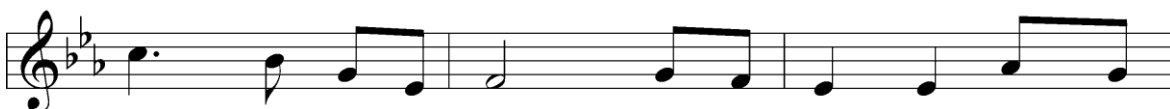
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, adapt.*

Pastor: Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come,
He entered once for all into the holy places,

People: by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

P Pastor: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

People: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ, said, "Take, eat, this is My body; take, drink, this is My blood, given for you." Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. We are all one bread and one Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word but in deed and in truth. Let us therefore implore the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, to grant us forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, 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: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE YOUR MERCY FLOWS

Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
 Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
 Most holy God, of all good things the giver.
 We turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.

Chorus:

Hear our cry O Lord, be merciful once more.
 Let Your love, Your anger stem
 remember mercy O Lord again.

Your church once great,
 though standing clothed in sorrow,
 is even still, the bride that you adore
 revive Your church, that we again may honor
 Our God and King, Our Master and Our Lord.

Chorus

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this Sacrament, You graciously come to us as both
 host and Meal.

**People: Grant that we hear Your words “for many” as meaning “for you,” for each
 of us gathered at Your Table this day;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

+ Word +**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 24:3–11* (The old covenant is sealed with a meal)

Reader: Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said,

People: All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.

Reader: And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said,

People: All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.

Reader: And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said,

Pastor: Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.

Reader: Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:11–22*

(Jesus is the high priest of the new covenant who gives His own blood, rather than the blood of animals, to secure eternal redemption.)

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled person with the blood of goats and bulls and with ashes of a heifer sanctifies for one purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying,

This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.

And in the same way He sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 26:17–30*

Reader: ¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

People: “Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

Reader: ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, He said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another,

People: “Is it I, Lord?”

Reader: ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. ²⁴The 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.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray Him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

**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.

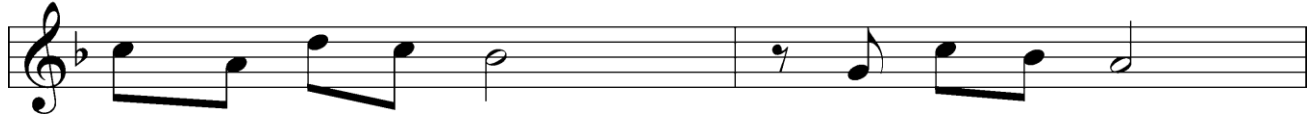
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come.
Amen.**



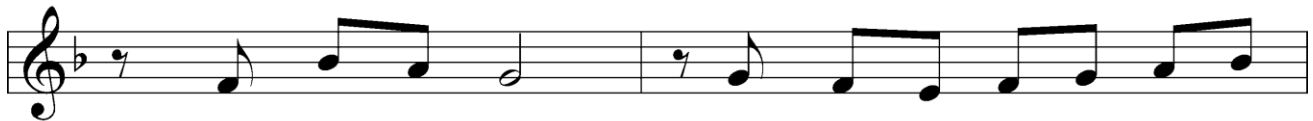
629 What Is This Bread



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
live	and	He	should	die	Un - der	the
Word	and	prom - ise	clear,	In	mouth	and
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.

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SERMON Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus, let us go to our heavenly Father in confident prayer.

Almighty God, You have called Your church to witness that, in Christ, You have reconciled us to Yourself.

People: Grant that, by Your Holy Spirit, we be emboldened to proclaim the Good News of our Savior so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: O Lord God, in Holy Baptism You have granted us the remission of sins.

People: Make us ready to receive the holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and grant us grateful hearts so that we may give thanks to You now and forever.

Pastor: Lord, keep all nations under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and around the world so that we may be at peace and a blessing to one another.

People: Grant that we choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation.

Pastor: O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon all who are ill, alone, imprisoned, or in personal distress. Hear their prayers.

People: For Jesus' sake, restore, surround, free, and give comfort to them.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of the bitter sufferings, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

+ Sacrament +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 saying:

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**Holy, holy holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

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,

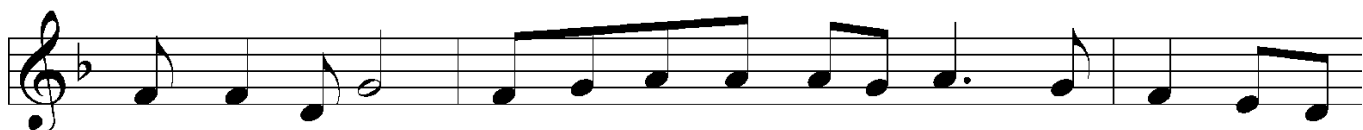
but deliver us from evil.

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

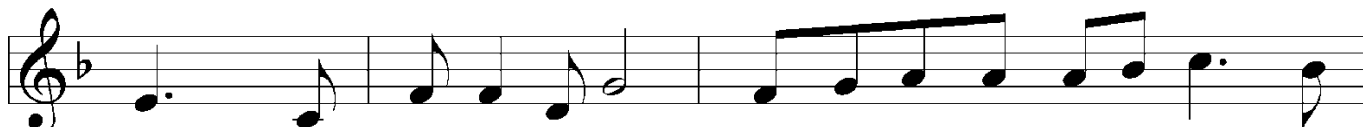
Agnus Dei



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

626 COME, LET US EAT

Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

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The Lamb

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

Refrain **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!**
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will
 On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

- 4 He sighs, He dies,
 He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives,
 He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

- 5 He rose, He rose,
 My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong
 Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to
Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

It is the night in which our Savior was betrayed. We remove the appointments of the chancel to symbolize the abuse He received. The candles shine no more as the Light of the World is taken to His death, the books are closed as the Word is silenced for a time, the paraments on the altar are removed as our Lord's body is laid bare, and the altar is left alone for the sacrifice to be remembered tomorrow.

As the altar guild strips the altar, we read portions of Psalm 22 in unison and then leave in silence, returning tomorrow to continue this service of worship.

Pastor: David was inspired to write Psalm 22, which Jesus may have prayed on the cross. We use it to end this evening's service.

¹My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of my groaning?

**²O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

**¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all My bones are out of joint;**

**My heart is like wax;
it is melted within My breast;**

**¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
You lay Me in the dust of death.**

**¹⁶For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—**

**¹⁷I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;**

**¹⁸they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.**

**¹⁹But You, O Lord, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!**

**²⁰Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!**

²¹Save Me from the mouth of the lion!

***Our worship continues tomorrow with
Good Friday Worship at 1:00PM & 7:00PM.***

Please observe silence while departing.

WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher
Officiant
Organist
Family Life
Elder
Ushers

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Pastor Jim Frusti
Paul Ventimiglia
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