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LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged
in Spirit-filled Service.*



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Mercy in Bread and Wine

Welcome to this service for Maundy Thursday in our In View of God's Mercy series. As the bread is broken and the cup is poured in this service, Christ's body and blood serve as agents of mercy to us who are broken by sin and thirsting for righteousness.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

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

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

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

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

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

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

Pastor: I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

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

People: Come to the feast of the Lord.

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

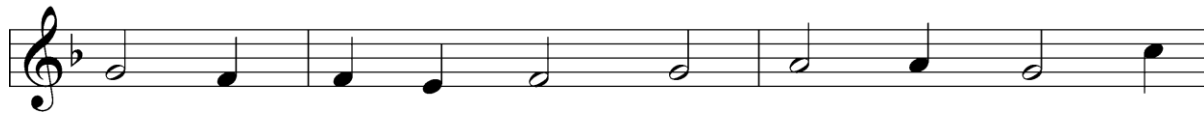
People: Amen.

The Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt.
Tune: Canticale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim
Text and tune: Public domain

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

People: 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.
Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, in the Upper Room you left us a memorial of your passion in a wonderful meal of forgiveness and life. Grant that we may share in this sacred supper of your body and blood so that your redeeming work may continue to abide in us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to remember him who comes to us in the bread and wine. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:4-5

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had

given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 26:26-29

Now 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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I 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."

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 everlasting. Amen.

THE HYMN "DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD"

HYMN 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus, we approach Your table of grace today as unworthy guests.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: You invite us to eat the bread and drink the wine of salvation.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: You invite us to do this in remembrance of You, as we appropriate the fruit of Your sacrificial death.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: You invite us to proclaim Your death by partaking in this covenant meal of grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Give us this day Your holy bread to forgive us our trespasses and deliver us from evil.

People: Amen.

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 Words of Our Lord

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."

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.”

Distribution of Holy Communion

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN “O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE”

HYMN 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!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The observance of Good Friday begins with this simple devotion at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday worship service. All altar ware and adornments are removed from the Altar—symbolic of Christ being stripped of His clothing during the crucifixion. After the stripping of the altar has been completed, portions of Psalm 22 are read by the pastor.

Our Holy Week Devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 pm. We will return Sunday morning to celebrate the Easter message at 10:30am.