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Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 2, 2015 -- 7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY "HE PREPARES A TABLE"

Welcome, Prayer Card, Pew Envelope and Communion Explanation

(rise)

Opening Hymn: "Singing with the Exiles"

(*verses* 1-7)

- Fear not, Jacob, O you worm For you God has such a word Christ, the Saviour took your place Baptized with His saving grace
- ² "Precious, honoured this is true My life in exchange for you Given and shed to renew I have eyes only for you."
- Marred, disfigured, stricken, mocked 7 Was despised, esteemed him not We are too marked with the cross What was gain is counted loss
- God's anointed breaks the gates
 Now set free we celebrate
 Buried with Christ we have died
 That to life we may arise

- ⁵ Get out, flee your life of sin Christ, our conqueror comes to win "I have swept your guilt away. Salvation for you today."
- 6 "My mouth is like a sharp sword." Just one word from Christ our Lord: "Cleansed, forgiven, justified Healed, restored for you I died."
- ⁷ By His wounds You have been healed Body, blood of Christ our shield Look the Lamb who takes away All our sin and guilt today

A ten verse hymn by Pastor Paul Roggow Text: Paul Roggow Tune: LSB 783

Invocation

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- C Amen.

Confession Psalm 143

P LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

- **C** Do not bring Your servant into judgement, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.
- **©** So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.
- P I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done.
- I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.
- Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide Your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.
- Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- P Our Father invites us to confess our sins, believe in Christ's cleansing mercy, and embrace the gift of His Holy Spirit. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your great love and faithfulness You prepared a feast for us in Your true body and Your true blood. Give us repentant and thankful hearts as we eat and drink at Your table, receiving forgiveness for all of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(seated)

Today's Scripture lessons have as their theme "The Lord Prepares a Table."

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:7-13

(The Old Testament scripture is read.)

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(The Epistle is read.)

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:26-29

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(Printed on back inside cover of hymnal)

(seated)

Sermon Hymn: "I Come, O Saviour, to Thy Table" LSB 618

Sermon: "He Prepares a Table" (Isaiah 49:7-13)

Offering & filling out of pew information envelopes

(rise)

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord (the blessing of the bread & wine)

(seated)

Distribution Hymns

"Your Table I Approach"	LSB 628
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"	LSB 637
"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"	LSB 632

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Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-31)

P+C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastoral Announcement

New Bible Class begins next Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm on "Why Does God Allow Evil to Exist?"

Closing Hymn: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The congregation sits in silent meditation as the Youth assist the Pastor in the stripping of the altar. When this has been completed all are asked to please leave the church in silence.