

We welcome you to our Maundy Thursday service. "Maundy" means "Command". On this night, Jesus gave his disciples a new command to love one another. Jesus demonstrated that servant love by washing his disciples' feet, and by laying down his life for the life of the world. Tonight He comes to us once again to serve us in the absolution, in His Word, and in the Holy Supper as He gives us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. God bless our worship this evening!

**Hymn: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning".....**  
*(We stand to sing the last verse)*

**# 445**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C:** **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.**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

**C:** Amen.

Psalm 116:12-19

**P:** O LORD, I am your servant,

**C:** **I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

**P:** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**C:** **and call on the name of the LORD.**

**P:** I will pay my vows to the LORD

**C:** **in the presence of all his people,**

**P:** in the courts of the house of the LORD,

**C:** **in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*(The congregation is seated)*

**Hymn: "Not All the Blood of Beasts"..... # 431**

## Scripture Readings

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**P:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Second reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death."

<sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**P:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*(We stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

Gospel reading: Matthew 26:17-30

<sup>7</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He 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.'" <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in

**Psalm 22:1-31**

**<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

**<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

**<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

**<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

**<sup>8</sup>"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

**<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

**<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

**<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

**<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

**<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

**<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**

**<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—**

- they stare and gloat over me;**  
<sup>18</sup>**they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.**
- <sup>19</sup>**But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**
- <sup>20</sup>**Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!**
- <sup>21</sup>**Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!**
- <sup>22</sup>**I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**
- <sup>23</sup>**You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify  
him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**
- <sup>24</sup>**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and  
he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.**
- <sup>25</sup>**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**
- <sup>26</sup>**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise  
the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup>**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**
- <sup>28</sup>**For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**
- <sup>29</sup>**All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one  
who could not keep himself alive.**
- <sup>30</sup>**Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- <sup>31</sup>**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**