



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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April 2, 2026 – 12:00pm & 7:00pm

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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PRELUDES

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

arr. Henry Gerike

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

arr. Walter Hennig

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We rise.)

OPENING HYMN

(Tune: “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”)

“My Time is Drawing Nigh”

Where is my guestroom? I must dine with My disciples one last time,
To serve them more than bread and wine. My time is drawing nigh.

One will betray Me, eating here, “Surely not I?” rings in My ear.
Better for him, he disappear. My time is drawing nigh.

This is My body in the bread. Drink of this wine, the blood I’ll shed.
For your forgiveness you are fed. My time is drawing nigh.

Like scattered sheep, you’ll fall away. Peter, three times tonight you’ll say,
“I know Him not!” in great dismay. My time is drawing nigh.

Stay here; keep watch, I go to plead, “Father, please take this cup from Me,
Your will, not Mine, be done indeed.” My time is drawing nigh.

Judas, what led you so amiss? One surely hears the serpent hiss.
Betray your Rabbi with a kiss? My time is drawing nigh.

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C To God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

(We are seated.)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil--all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. It is in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

(We rise.)

(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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. 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.

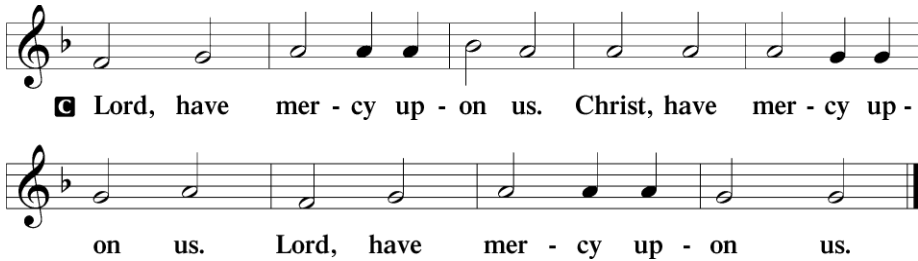
C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall

kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 116:12-19

P What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

C **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

P I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

C **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

P O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

C **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

P I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
C **in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

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

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

ANTHEM

(12:00) “Come to the Table”...Michael Card Alicia Rodenbeck, Soloist
Joe Rodenbeck, Accompanist

Come to the table and savor the sight, the wine and the bread that was broken;
And all have been welcome to come if they might, accept as their own these two tokens:
The bread is His body the wine is the blood, and the One who provides them is true.
He freely offers we freely receive, to accept and believe Him is all we must do.

As we recall Your life, Your death, Your call: “Remember Me.”

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:17–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷Now 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?” 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, “Is it I, Lord?” 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

C **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.

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

#617

SERMON

“The Great Un-Betrayal”

Text: Matthew 26:17-30 – Pastor Danny Eggold

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19)



C Was soll ich den-ken to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, we pray that the church may be one at Your Table and in service to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P King of kings, may the leaders of nations seek peace and justice wherever there is conflict and oppression, especially in Iran. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, may those who are unloved, weary, sick, or hospitalized *(especially...)* find strength in You and in our care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, may this holy meal strengthen us to serve those who are hungry and poor. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, may those who will be confirmed this Easter season, and all who gather to celebrate these holy days, may find their life in the mystery of Christ's suffering love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Eternal God, gather us with the saints of every time and place into your promised reign of love and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers, O merciful God, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection and rebirth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P 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:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEMS and HYMNS

(12:00) "Behold the Lamb"...Keith & Kristyn Getty Alicia Rodenbeck, Soloist
 Joe Rodenbeck, Accompanist

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
 Slain for us and we remember
 The promise made that all who come in faith
 Find forgiveness at the cross
 So we share in this bread of life
 And we drink of his sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of peace
 Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
 Eat and remember

The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on Earth
And we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King

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(7:00)

“In Remembrance”...Courtney/Red

Adult Choir

In remembrance of me, eat this bread,
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember too,
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me always love.
In remembrance of me, lift up your heart to God.

Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”	#616
“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	#637
“O Perfect Life of Love”	#452


(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

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 in 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.

C Amen.

(We are seated.)

(The 12:00 service concludes with Psalm 22 on pg. 19)

✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

(7:00)

P After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, and the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped

from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful redemptive suffering and death for us.

- ❑ Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.” The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

(Candles are extinguished and removed)

- ❑ Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God’s greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

(Offerings are removed)

- ❑ The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

(Missal stand and service books are removed)

- ❑ Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. Jesus’ offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

(Communion vessels are removed)

- ❑ The coverings, stoles, and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King’s body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

(Altar coverings, stoles, and paraments are removed)

P Our banners identify who we are as St. Peter's Lutheran Church. As Jesus was removed from us in the grave, so too, our name is removed from us, without the joy of His resurrection.

(Banners are removed)

P As we reflect upon our Savior's act of service, we are reminded of the words of the hymn that say, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!"

PSALMODY

Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 14-21, 27

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

P But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

C **All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

P "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

C **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;**

P my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

C **For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet —**

P I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

C **they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

P But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

C **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

P Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

POSTLUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Timothy Flynn