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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR maundy thursday

Prayer Before the Service

How marvelous thy mercy, O Lord, that from our separate, casual, and crooked ways calls us to thy table, thy high feast of grace, thy plain meal of forgiveness. And here we are as Peter who denied thee thrice; as John and James, priding to be first; as Matthew, publican and sinner; as Judas with his kiss of death; as every man tangled in self-love, self-pity, and dark fear. O by thy bread put flesh on the ribs of our thin souls, and from thy cup pour fire to kindle us to be thy people, eager for joy and faithful in adoration. Amen.



Holy Communion

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God's grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as an affirmation of the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament and a repentant acknowledgment of personal sinfulness and absolute dependence upon Christ as the only Source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that joint participation in the Sacrament is the most profound and powerful demonstration of unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of our Lord at this altar we are indicating thereby our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God's Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord's Supper.

In Nomine Jesu

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Prelude

Were You There? with Amazing Grace

Arranged by Dick Torran

Jeff Armstrong, organ & Ethel Hikal, piano

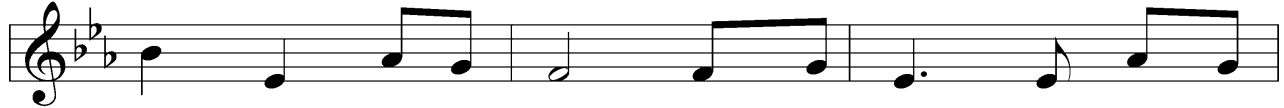
Opening Hymn

WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Tune: Marty Haugen – “Joyous Light”; LSB #445 © 2006 CPH



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



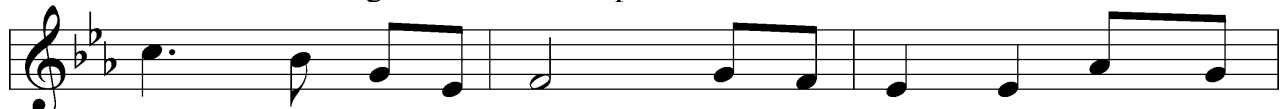
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



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.

(Stand)

Prayer of Invocation

P Holy and exalted Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we are bold to gather this night in your Name as Your people. As the blood of the Passover lamb delivered Israel from the Angel of Death in days gone by, so the blood of the Lamb of God, our precious Savior Jesus, has delivered us from the curse of sin, death and the power of the devil. On this night, our Lord instituted the Sacrament of His own body and blood, offered up for us upon the cross, that in this most precious gift we might receive the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation. We invoke Your sacred Name, and ask You to be with us now, according to Your promise, in Word and Sacrament. Mark the doorways of each of our hearts with the blood of the Lamb, that the Angel of Death may pass us by and we may live with You forever.

C *Amen.*

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading

EXODUS 12:1–14

[1] The 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. [3] Tell 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. [4] And 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. [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, [6] and 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. [8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9] Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. [10] And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11] In 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. [12] For 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. [13] The 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.*

Epistle

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–32

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” [25] In 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.” [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. [27] Whoever, 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. [28] Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31] But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. [32] But 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.*

(Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

Holy Gospel

ST. JOHN 13:1–15

[1] Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2] During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” [7] Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” [8] Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” [9] Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” [10] Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” [11] For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” [12] When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you

understand what I have done to you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe 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.*

(Be Seated)

Sermon Hymn

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: William Daman – “Southwell”; LSB #431 © 2006 CPH



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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(Stand for the Reading of the Text)

Sermon

TEXT: ST. JOHN 13:1–15

“COMMANDMENT THURSDAY”



(Stand)

Votum

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering

Voluntary

ABIDE WITH ME

Cantate

(Stand)

A Litany of Self Examination

Based on the Small Catechism

P It is good and proper that every believer examine himself before partaking of the Lord's body and blood. St. Paul tells us in God's Word to do so, as the Holy Sacrament was instituted by Christ Jesus for the special comfort and strengthening of those who hunger and thirst for righteousness from God. Whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life. What, then, is the sacrament of the Altar?

C *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.*

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C *These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*



P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C *Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."*

P Who receives this sacrament worthily?

C *Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, "for you" require all hearts to believe.*

(Kneel/Stand)

Confession and Absolution

P Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may carefully hear your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C *Amen.*

C *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C *Amen.*

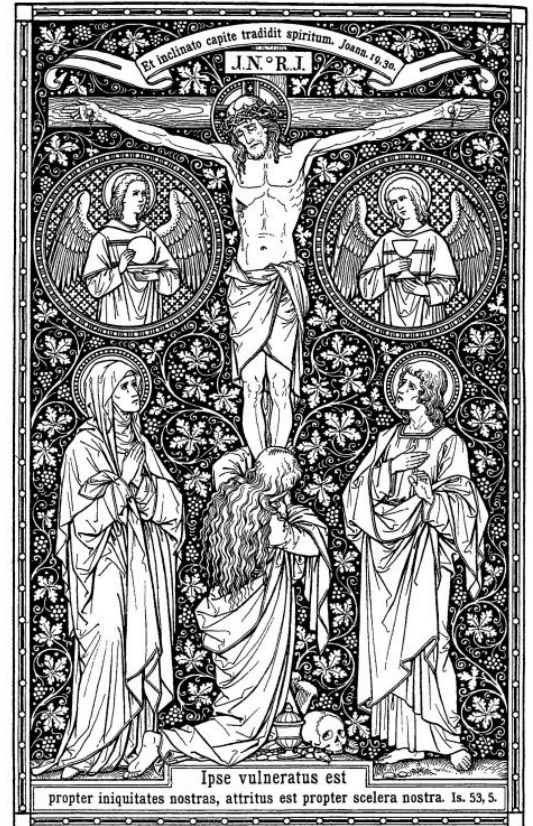
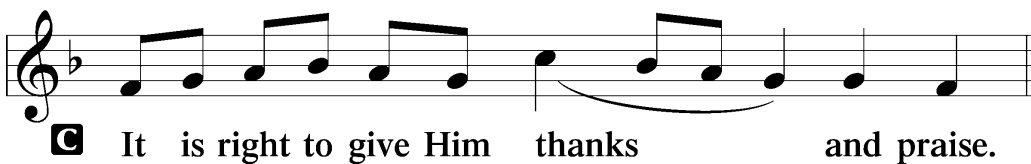
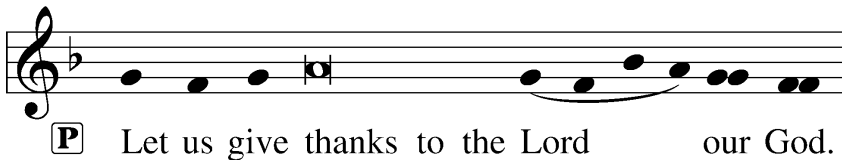
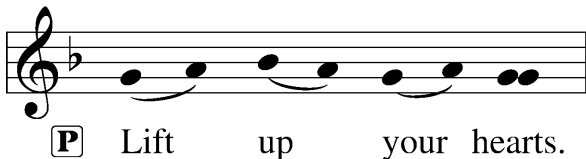
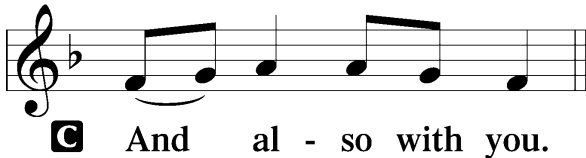
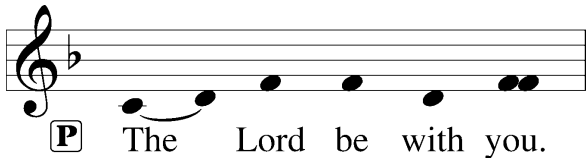
P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. The God of peace will sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful and he will do it. Go in peace.

C *Amen.*



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 singing:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

The 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

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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

C 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.

(Be Seated)

Distribution

(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of “Closed Communion,” outlined in the Communion Policy Statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our Pastor about communion attendance, we respectfully request that you refrain from participating in the Sacrament this evening. Thank you for your kindness.)

Ministry of Music

I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

Carillon Ringers

Distribution Hymns

YOUR TABLE I APPROACH

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus; Tune: "St. Michael"; LSB #628 © 2006 CPH



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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Ministry of Music

COME, CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER LAMB

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Jubilate Choir

*We share in his sorrow each time we remember. We share in his grief each time we partake.
Joining to drink from the cup of surrender, we ponder his sacrifice as the bread now we break.
Jesus is the Passover Lamb, sacrifice of the great I AM. Share this feast with the Son of Man.
Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb.*

*Come now and feel what Jesus has carried. Come and bear the weight of his shame.
Come and see where he, he was buried. Come and remember his sorrow and pain.
Jesus is the Passover Lamb, sacrifice of the great I AM. Love's great feast with the Son of Man.
Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb.*

*Lamb without blemish, holy to the Lord; Life of surrender, God's love divine outpoured.
Jesus is the Passover Lamb, sacrifice of the great I AM. Share this feast with the Son of Man.
Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb, the holy Lamb of God.
Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb.*



JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; Tune: Wittenberg – “Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland”; LSB #627 sts. 1–4, 10 © 2006 CPH



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this
 10 Let this food your faith so nour - ish That its fruit of



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,
 love may flour - ish And your neigh - bor learn from you

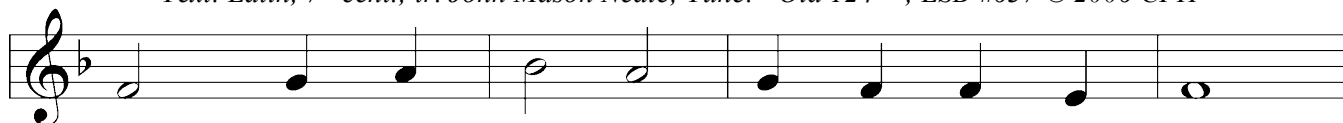


He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.
 How much God's won - drous love can do.

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DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale; Tune: "Old 124th"; LSB #637 © 2006 CPH



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.

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(Stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

C *Amen.*

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.*

Closing Hymn

LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY

Text & Tune: Nicolaus Decius – “O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig”; LSB #434 © 2006 CPH



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Chimes & Silent Prayer

Please remain standing while the acolytes extinguish the altar candles.

All leave the church in silence to return tomorrow for the solemn observance of Good Friday.

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SOLO DEO GLORIA!

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