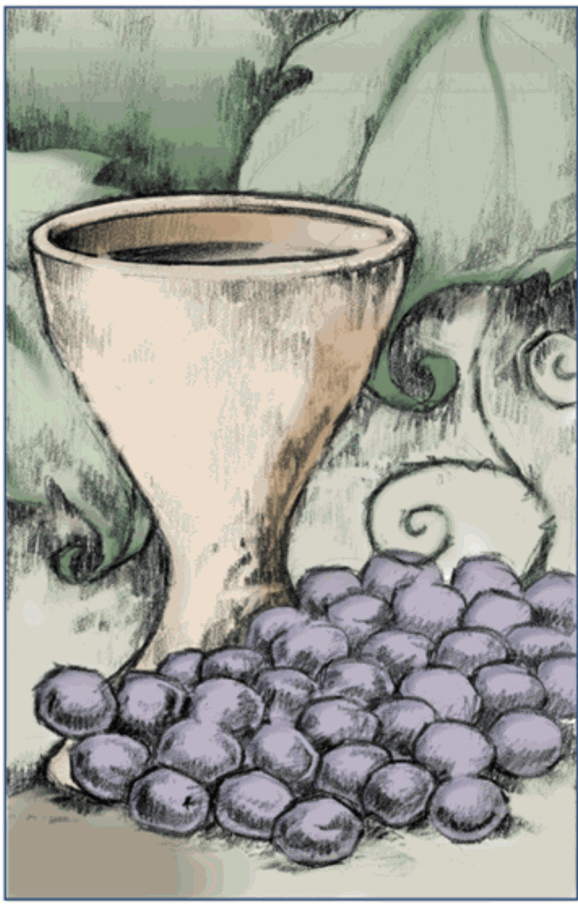


DO THIS, WHENEVER YOU

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD.



DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25

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2021 MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATIONS

IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**HYMN 149 Come to Calv'ry's Holy Mountain**

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the Fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty free remission, Here the troubled peace, may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost.

Congr.: Amen.

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

Congr.: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Congr.: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.  
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.

**The Responsive Reading Psalm 32**

Blessed *is he whose transgression is forgiven,*

***Whose sin is covered.***

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,  
**And in whose spirit *there is no deceit.***

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones grew old  
**Through my groaning all the day long.**

<sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
**My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You,  
**And my iniquity I have not hidden.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup> For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You  
**In a time when You may be found;**

Surely in a flood of great waters  
**They shall not come near him.**

<sup>7</sup> You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;  
**You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
**I will guide you with My eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding,  
**Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,  
Else they will not come near you.**

<sup>10</sup> Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked;  
**But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;  
**And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Pastor: The Collect    Congr.: Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's Explanation to  
The Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.  
THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

### **HYMN 157:1-4 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

1 There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die.

### **SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!**

Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me!

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup>In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

<sup>27</sup>Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN 163:1-4 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

2. He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
He full atonement for us made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.

3. That this is now and ever true  
He gives an earnest ever new:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

4. His Word proclaims, and we believe,  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)

Pastor: The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with You always.

Congr.: Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION: (Since participation in communion is a profession of oneness of faith, we ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or a congregation in fellowship with us in CLC, and have previously registered, to partake of the sacrament.)

Pastor: Prayer.                      Congr.: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Congr.: Amen

**HYMN 173:1**

1 Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee  
That Thou hast died to set us free;  
Made righteous thro' Thy precious blood,  
We now are reconciled to God.

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February 17: Text: Romans 5:12, 18

Theme: He has Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Passion Lesson: The Passover (p. 170-172)

Hymns: 140:1,4,5; 369:1,4,5; 163:1-4; 313:1

February 24: Text: Titus 2:13,14

Theme: He Purchased and Won Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Passion Lesson: Lord's Supper Instituted (p. 174-175, 183)

Hymns 351; 153; 158; 558:1-4

March 3: Text: 1 John 1:7-9

Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin

Responsive Reading: Psalm, 103:1-14

Passion Lesson: Judas Betrays Jesus (p.185-186)

Hymns: 156; 342; 157; 653

March 10: Text: Romans 6:23

Theme: He Saved Me from the Death

Responsive Reading: Psalm 73:21-26

Passion Lesson: Peter's Denial (p.189-190)

Hymns: 149; 143:1-5; 151:1,2,6,7; 551:1,2

March 17: Text: Genesis 3:15

Theme: He Saved Me from the Devil's Power

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2

Passion Lesson: Trial Before Herod, Barabbas (p.192-194)

Hymns: 145; 141; 159; 552: 1,6,8

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1

Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.196-197)

Hymns: 155; 154; 353:1-3,6 554:1,5,6

April 1: Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Passion Lesson: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

Hymns: 149; 157:1-4; 163:1-4; 173:1

April 2: Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a

Theme: He Redeemed Me Through His Innocent Sufferings and Death!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1-19

Passion Lesson: Jesus' Death and Burial (p.199-201)

Hymns 171:1,2,4,6; 172:1-4; 153; 172:8