

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Today is Maundy Thursday. A lot happens on Thursday of Holy Week. We will celebrate Holy Communion, just like Jesus' disciples did with Him in the Upper Room. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar, which is in remembrance of the humiliation that Jesus faced at the hands of the guards and soldiers. And the sermon focus today will be on prayer – which is what Jesus chose to do with His last free hour on this earth. Welcome to Maundy Thursday worship at Christ The King.

...Pastor PJ Brooks

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lamb

King's Ringers

THE OPENING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB #770

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:12-19

¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name

of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

THE HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Brown Hymnal #439

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY OFFERING

The Musical Offering

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

King's Ringers

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

C: Father, as I prepare to approach Your table, I confess that I am not worthy to receive what is offered here. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. I have disobeyed Your commands and have failed to love like Jesus loves me. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. For the sake of Jesus' innocent suffering and death, heal me with Your word of forgiveness.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Chorus

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB #434

1. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
2. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
3. Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON SONG

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

*Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me.
Yes, where You are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me. *Chorus*

*Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
Chorus, ending with: My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.*

THE SERMON

Pastor PJ Brooks

THE BENEDICTION

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (*while the closing hymn is sung*)

THE CLOSING HYMN

LSB #436

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