



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – ST CATHARINES, ON

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## 7 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST HYMN

*"Just As I Am"*

**Just as I am—without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am—and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am—Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am—Thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*Charlotte Elliot, 1835, public domain <http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/j/u/s/t/justasam.htm>*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid;

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,**

That we may perfectly love You

**And worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us go unto the altar of our God;

**to God, our exceeding joy.**

*[Brief prayerful silence for self reflection]*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and from each other, in our speaking thinking and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the holy obedience of Your Son, our Lord and Brother, Jesus Christ. Forgive us all that is past and with the help of the Holy spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your Kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and turn to Him in faith. In the place of Christ and by His Holy Command, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ON MY HEART

**On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my Life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

*Translator: Peer Strømme (1856-1921) Text: Thomas Kingo (1634-1703). Tune: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful Sacrament, give unto us, we pray, that we may so use this Holy Meal of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE READINGS

**The Old Testament:** *Exodus 24:3-11*

So Moses told the people all the Lord's words and laws for living. Then all of the people answered out loud together. They said, "We will do all the things that the Lord has said." So Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. And he got up early the next morning. He built an altar near the bottom of the mountain. He set up 12 stones, 1 stone for each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Then Moses sent young Israelite men to offer whole burnt offerings. They also sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. Moses took the blood of these animals. He put half of it in bowls. And he sprinkled the other half of the blood on the altar. Then Moses took the book with the agreement written in it. He read it so the people could hear him. And they said, "We will do everything that the Lord has said. We will keep Your Word." Then Moses took the blood

from the bowls. He sprinkled it on the people. He said, "This is the blood that begins the agreement. This is the agreement which the Lord has made with you about all these things." Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and 70 of the elders of Israel went up the mountain. They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was a surface. It looked as if it were paved with blue sapphire stones. And it was as clear as the sky! These leaders of the Israelites saw God. But God did not destroy them. Then they ate and drank together.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

***"Behold Him In Dark Gethsemane"***

Behold Him in dark Gethsemane. Behold Him, alone in agony.  
Hear the Saviour softly pray, "Father, take this cup away."  
Behold Him in dark Gethsemane.  
Behold Him. The hour is drawing near. (the hour is near)  
Behold him. At midnight they appear (they will appear).  
See the soldiers bar His way. Watch the kiss that will betray.  
Behold Him. The hour is drawing near. Behold Him within the judgment hall.  
Behold Him. He answers not at all. Hear the raging angry cry,  
"Crucify Him! Let him die!"  
Behold Him within the judgment hall. Behold Him upon the shameful tree.  
Behold Him for all eternity. See the sky grow dark above.  
Kneel before God's gift of love. Behold him upon the shameful tree.  
Behold him, the Lamb of Calvary.

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**The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**

[St. Paul writes:] For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

SPOKEN GOSPEL VERSE

*[spoken together]*

**We give thanks for the cup of blessing. It is a sharing in the blood of Christ's death. And the bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. There is one loaf of bread. And we are many people. But we all share from that one loaf. So we are really one body.**

*1 Cor. 10:16-17*

**The Holy Gospel**    *St. John 13: 1-15, 31-35*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter:    **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you... When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.    **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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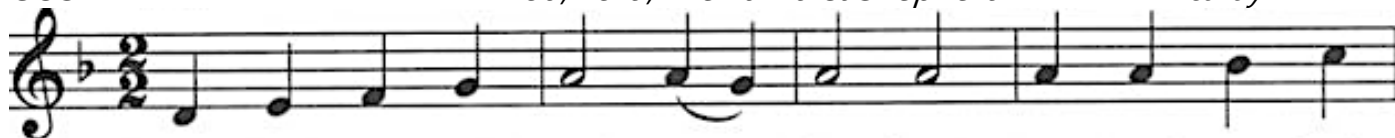
**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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 worshipped 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.

GOSPEL HYMN

*"You, Lord, Are Lamb & Shepherd"*

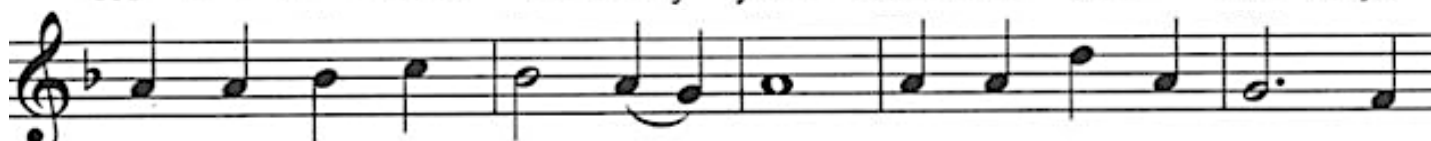
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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984  
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.  
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 (alternate harmonization, 347)

## MESSAGE

### OFFERING VERSE

*"Go To Dark Gethsemane"*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his grief's away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

*R. Montgomery, public domain*

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As we begin the journey of our Lord's suffering, let us offer our prayers for the life of the whole world. For Your church, that taking to heart Jesus' command that we love one another, we might serve one another as Christ,

let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We ask you also to remember the people present here, and those who are absent. Preserve our households in peace and harmony; nourish the infants, instruct the children, encourage parents, console the aging. Comfort those whose minds are troubled, gather the scattered, bring back the wandering, and unite us all through your love,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the strife-torn regions of the world, that war might cease and love prevail,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are ill or weak in body, mind, or spirit, that they might receive God's strength and healing,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Free those who are captive, sail with those at sea, travel with the vacationers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, preserve the prisoners, heal the sick. Remember, O God, those who stand before their enemies, and those in exile and in all kinds of tribulations and accidents, and all who need your great mercy; those who love us and those who hate us, and those who have begged us to remember them in our prayers,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Preserve, this region and every city and country place from plague, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, war, battle, invasion, and riot. For our congregations, that strengthened by Your Holy Communion, we might make Christ visible through our own humble service,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Grant these prayers, merciful God and Lord, and all that we need, as we eagerly await the Easter feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

It is truly good, right and joyful, that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who on the tree of the cross did give salvation to all humankind, that, when death arose, life also might rise again; and that He, Who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome: and so with the Church on earth and with all the company of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their un-ending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God Al-migh-ty,  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout glo-ries of Your name.**

**Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, sing--ing Ho-san--na!  
Bless-ed is He Who comes in our Lord's name.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come...***

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Whenever we eat this Bread and drink this Cup;

**We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

May the Lord's peace always be with you;

**And also with you. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

*"O Jesus Christ"*

*(Tune: "Just as I Am")*

**O Je-sus Christ, True Lamb of God; the sins of the world, You take away;  
Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray; and bless us with Your peace. A—men.**



## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who have need, please feel free to stand at the rail if kneeling is difficult. The common cup and trays of individual glasses are available. Gluten free wafers are also available. Light purple glasses of Communion wine mixed with water are in the centre ring of the silver trays.

### HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS *"Love Consecrates The Humblest Act"*



Love con-se-crates the hum-blest act, and hal-oes mer-cy's deeds :



It sheds a ben-e-dic-tion sweet, and hal-lows hu-man needs.

When in the shadow of the cross  
Christ knelt and washed the feet  
Of His disciples He gave us  
A sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve;  
What Christ in love so true  
Has freely done for one and all,  
Let us now gladly do!

Silas McManus, 1902

[Love Consecrates the Humblest Act \(hymntime.com\)](http://hymntime.com)

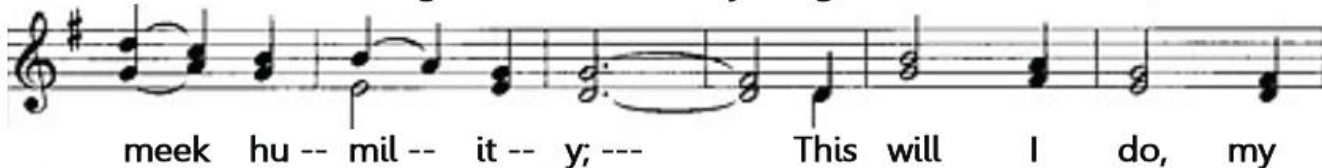
Words, Isaac Watts, 1707. Tune TWENTY-FOURTH, probably by Lucius Chapin.

### *"Remember Thee"*

*[The Lord's My Shepherd tune]*



Ac— cord -- ing to Thy grac-- ious Word, In



meeK hu -- mil -- it -- y; --- This will I do, my



dy -- ing Lord, I will re- mem -- ber Thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake, my bread from Hea-ven shall be;  
The Test-amen-tal cup I take, and thus remember Thee.

Gethsemane can I forget? Or there Thy conflict see,  
Thine agony, and bloody sweat, And not remember Thee?

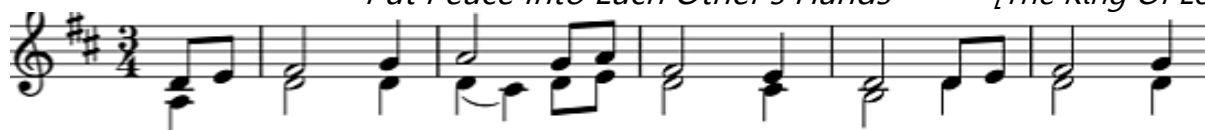
When to the cross I turn mine eyes, and rest on Cal-var-y,  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee;

And when these failing lips grow dumb - and mind and mem-ory flee,  
When Thou shall in Thy kingdom come, O Jes-us, re-mem-ber me.

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"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" [The King Of Love" tune]



1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a  
2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing  
3. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, like bread we  
4. As at com-mun - ion, shape your hands in - to a  
5. Put Christ in - to each oth - er's hands, He is love's



trea - sure hold it; pro - tect it like a  
ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your  
break for shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly  
wait - ing cra - dle; the gift of Christ re -  
deep - est meas - ure; in love make peace, give



can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.  
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.  
in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.  
ceive, re - vere, u - nit - ed round the ta - ble.  
peace a chance and share it like a treas - ure.

Words: Fred Kaan © 1989 Hope Publishing Company Tune: St. Columba [The King Of Love]

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POST COMMUNION HYMN "O Light Of Gentile Nations" [O Word of God Incarnate tune]



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O Sav - ior from a - bove,  
2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you in ev - 'ry ho - ly place



drawn by your Spir - it's lead - ing, we come with joy and love  
where you your - self have prom - ised that we should see your face.



in - to your ho - ly tem - ple and wait with rev - 'rent mind  
To - day you still al - low us who gath - er round you here



as Sim - eon once had wait - ed his God and Lord to find.  
in arms of faith to hold you as did that a - ged seer.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

**For His never-failing love lasts forever.**

We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Go out into the world in peace; be courageous; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering, honour all men and women, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of God. **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*As the altar is stripped of its adornment, and the sanctuary décor is removed, honouring our Lord's stripping and humiliation leading the way to His death on a cross for us, we hear PSALM 22, a suffering servant song.*

PSALM 22      *Read by Nick Hoeffs*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. 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; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you: 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! 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. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. 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. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

+ WE DEPART QUIETLY AND REVERENTLY IN PEACE +

You are all welcome to join us for worship this weekend!

March 29 @ 10 AM Stations of the Cross

March 29 @ 7 PM Solemn Tenebrae service

March 31 @ 10 AM Festive Easter Communion