

King of Kings Lutheran Church

Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever

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Thank you for worshipping at home with us at King of Kings! Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will draw you closer to the living God through your time of worship today and strengthen your connection to Christ our Savior.

PARTICIPATION IN HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul urges us to examine ourselves before partaking of Holy Communion (*1 Cor. 1:28*). We urge you to do so, on the basis of these questions.

- 1. Do you believe you are a sinner? (*Romans 3:23*)**
- 2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (*Psalms 51:17*)**
- 3. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior? (*Romans 5:6-8*)**
- 4. Do you intend with the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? (*Romans 6:1-4*)**
- 5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true Body and Blood along with the blessed bread and wine for the forgiveness of your sins?**

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Prelude

Sing, My Tongue by Donald Johns

Welcome

Opening Hymn

When You Woke That Thursday Morning – LSB 445

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."

One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another in a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion in Your never-ending feast.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 41:7-10

P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
C They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
C But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our transgressions and sins to the Lord, our God, in the presence of one another. Heavenly Father,
- C** **when we look into the mirror of Your perfect law, we are reminded that we are no better than our ancestors. We rebel against You like the Israelites on the way to the Promised Land. We are like King David, committing sins we think no one will know about. You know us. You know our transgressions and sins against You and one another. We humbly come to You seeking forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts and make them clean. Forgive our sins by the blood of Jesus that was given and shed for us. Renew a right spirit within us for Jesus' sake.**
- P** Blessed people of God, you have confessed your transgressions to the Lord. He forgives your iniquity and will remember your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Kyrie

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord,

C on this night You poured out the new covenant in Your blood. Grant that we may so receive the 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.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

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

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way – LSB 857

Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; in lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

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Sermon

Choral Meditation

Truly Present, Christ is With Us

The King of Kings Choir

Truly present, Christ is with us in the bread and in the wine.
At His table is forgiveness, full salvation, love divine.

Truly present is His body and His blood: life-giving food
Freely offered, strength providing for our everlasting good.

Truly present is our Savior under elements now blessed;
Here begins the feast of heaven we shall share as grateful guests.

Truly present, Christ is with us in the bread and in the wine.
With thanksgiving, taste forgiveness, full salvation, love divine!

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Prayer for the Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this night we remember how You rescued Your people from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. We are reminded of how You have rescued us from slavery to sin and are bringing us to Your heavenly kingdom. Nourish our faith and lead us to walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You made covenants with Your people throughout the centuries. Yet, in these last days, You have made a new covenant with us through Your Son. Make this covenant known among us and all peoples of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and took on the role of a servant when You washed Your disciples' feet. You commanded them to love one another just as You loved them. Lead us to love others as You have first loved us. Stir us up to love and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, as we come to Your Table, forgive our sins through Your body and blood and wrap us in the robe of Your righteousness that covers all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Rite of First Communion

Address to the Congregation

- P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

Address to the Candidates

- P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

Profession of Faith

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Address to the Congregation

P Parents, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C **We will, with the help of God.**

Nicene Creed

P Let us join together as the church gathered in this place and confess our common faith in words of the 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.

The Peace

P We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You made a covenant with Your people, Israel, when You rescued them from Egypt. In these last days, You sent Your Son to be the mediator of a new covenant, sealing it with His precious blood, which is given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us the ability to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Participation in Holy Communion

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Post-Communion Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing – LSB 643

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Stripping of the Altar

- P** Dear friends, night is coming. The wheels of betrayal are already in motion. Even as we come to the end of this day we call Holy Thursday, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest, mock trial, painful beating; the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in the sacred mystery that is the Sacrament. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

Communion vessels are removed.

- P** The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). As this statement was fulfilled on the cross, the cross is removed from the altar area.

The cross is removed.

- P** 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 sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and its book.

The missal stand and altar book are removed.

- P** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The events at Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As creation was dark while He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

All candles are extinguished and removed.

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

The offerings are removed.

- P** The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings 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.

The altar cloths and paraments are removed.

All may exit silently during postlude

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This by Michael Burkhardt

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***Please return tomorrow evening – and bring a friend –
as we remember our Lord's sacrifice
by observing the ancient order of Tenebrae.***

***Music for meditation begins at 6:45pm
Service begins at 7:00pm***