

NOTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

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- PORTIONS OF LITURGIES FROM *CHRISTIAN WORSHIP* MAY BE INCLUDED IN WORSHIP FOLDERS ACCORDING TO THE PERMISSION GIVEN ON PAGE 925 (ITEMS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK). THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE INCLUDED UNDER A ONELICENSE ACCOUNT. FROM SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT: THANK THE LORD. FROM EVENING PRAYER: SERVICE OF LIGHT, LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU.
- HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER: WRITTEN IN 1985-1986 WHILE MARTY HAUGEN WAS THE MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE AT HOLDEN VILLAGE, A LUTHERAN RETREAT CENTER IN WASHINGTON STATE. WHILE THIS SERVICE USES ONLY ONE ELEMENT, OTHERS MAY BE USEFUL AS WELL.

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EVENING WORSHIP

FOR

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 20th, in the year of our Lord 2008

Evening Prayer

In this service believers proclaim the gospel in the tradition of Evening Prayer or Vespers, the ancient service of the Daily Office that brings praise to God at sunset. The Evening Prayer order of service is from Christian Worship. Psalm 141 is from Holden Evening Prayer (used during this year's midweek Lenten services). The communion liturgy is that of The Common Service in Christian Worship.



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en Un - to us



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 such food has giv - en And, to mend what we have



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 done, Gave in - to death his on - ly Son.

Stand



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

PSALM 141

The choir/cantor sings the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it as indicated.

The choir/cantor sings the verses of the psalm.

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
O hear my voice when I cry to you. *Refrain.*

Keep watch within me, God, deep in my heart;
may the light of your love be burning bright. *Refrain.*

All praise to the Father, creator of life;
all praise to the Christ and the Spirit of love. *Refrain.*

Silence for meditation.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LESSON – The Old Testament Passover (Exodus 12)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Pass-over.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. ¹⁵For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do.

¹⁷“Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. ¹⁸In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. ¹⁹For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. ²⁰Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷then tell them, ‘It is the Pass-over sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

M: All we like sheep have gone astray and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble,
 2 By faith I call your ho - ly ta - ble
 3 What high - er gift can we in - her - it?
 4 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior,
 5 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed;



For weak and wea - ry is my soul;
 The tes - ta - ment of your deep love,
 It is faith's bond and sol - id base;
 Your blood, which you for me have shed —
 I live in you and you in me.



O Je - sus, you a - lone are a - ble
 For by your gift I now am a - ble
 It is the strength of heart and spir - it,
 These are my life and strength for - ev - er;
 No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed,



To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 To know the heart of God a - bove.
 The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.
 By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 It finds its peace on Cal - va - ry.



Refrain
 Lord, may your bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

MESSAGE

A Meal to Remember

**Jesus Sets Aside the Old Covenant
 Jesus Establishes the New Covenant**

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

~ Matthew 26

SONG OF MARY

Magnificat



C: My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord; my spir - it re -



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fav - or



on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions



will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great



things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on



those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
 proud in their con-keit. He has cast down the might-y
 from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.
 He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich
 he has sent a-way emp-ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el, for he has re-mem-bered his
 prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise made to our fa-thers,
 to A-bra-ham, and to his chil-dren for-ev-er. A-men.

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

THE DISTRIBUTION

Sola Fide Lutheran Church practices member communion. We ask that only WELS members partake of the sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #312 (selected verses)

1 Lord Je-sus Christ, you have pre-pared This feast for
 2 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre-cious
 3 Lord, I be-lieve what you have said; Help me when
 4 Grant that we wor-thi-ly re-ceive Your sup-per,

our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
 Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y
 doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I
 Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing

and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
 and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior

As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
 Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es
 That we are thank - ful for your grace And day by

you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
 me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.
 day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part
ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

HYMN #317:1 O Lord, We Praise You

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
In thanks-giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
bod - y and your blood you nour-ish Our weak souls that they may
flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your
bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows
did car - ry, And your blood for us plead
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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