

# Service of Holy Communion



## Wednesday in Holy Week

Patterned after the Good Friday Chief Liturgy

28 March 2018

# Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus | Concordia Seminary

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*—Please enter the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Holy Week—*

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## Stripping of the Altar

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Hymn

Psalm 22

*Read by solo reader*

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## Service of the Word

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Bell Toll

*—Please kneel if able—*

**Prayer of the Day**

*Silence is kept following the invitation to pray to allow time for the assembly to pray individually for the concerns of this day.*

P Let us pray... Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*—Please sit—*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

*—Please stand if able—*

**The Passion According to St. John**

**John 19:1-42**

*—Please sit—*

**Homily**

*—Please kneel if able—*

**The Bidding Prayer**

A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend the church throughout the world against all assaults and temptations and keep her on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ, keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and

may serve You in true faith and in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your Church that every member may serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for our catechumens preparing for baptism, that God may give them new life and that they may be found always in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard the peoples and governments of the world, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant a safe journey to all who travel and health to the sick, especially — Erich, Carol, JoAnn, Andrew, Trevor, Roger, Kevin, and Maureen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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## The Reproaches and Adoration of the Cross

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—Please stand if able—

Hymn

LSB 455, sts. 1, 4-6

*During the hymn, the cross will be processed from the chancel through the sanctuary, ending at the entrance to the nave. Following the hymn, the presider will sing three times the Sentence of the Cross and **the assembly will sing the Response of Adoration** during the procession to the chancel with silence for reflection intervening. Turn and follow the cross as it passes through the nave. **During the Reproaches the assembly will sing the response and the concluding hymn stanza.***

Choir: All:

Behold, the life-giving cross  
on which was hung the salvation of the world. O come, let us wor - ship Him.

—Please kneel if able or sit—

### Reproach

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

### Assembly Response

Ho-ly Lord God, holy and might-y God, holy and most merciful Re -

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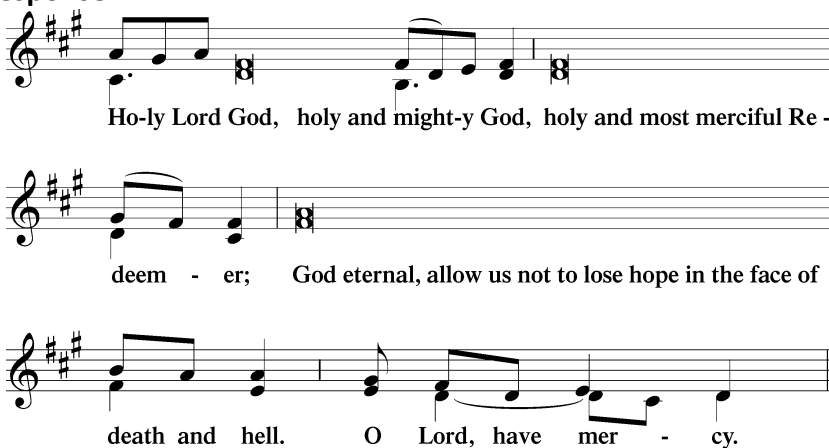
death and hell. O Lord, have mer - cy.

### Brief Silence

### Reproach

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed You with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

## Assembly Response



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## Brief Silence

## Reproach

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

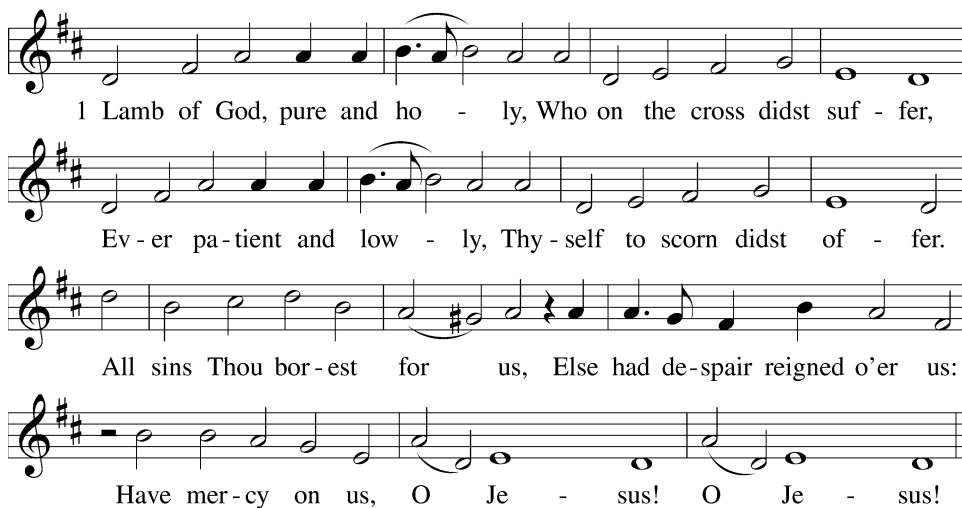
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## Hymn

## LSB 434, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## Adoration of Christ



**We adore You, | O Lord,\*  
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.  
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross\*  
joy has come into | all the world.  
God be merciful to us and | bless us,\*  
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.  
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*During the following hymn the assembly is invited to come forward, kneel, touch, pray, and meditate around the cross*

*—Please sit—*

**Hymn during Adoration**

**LSB 454**

**Brief Silence**

*—Please stand if able—*

**Offertory**

**LSB 451 sts. 1-2**

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## **Sacrament of the Eucharist**

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**Preface**

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### **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us...

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*—Please sit—*

*The Lord's Supper will be distributed at four stations, instead of the altar rails, two on each side of the chancel. Please proceed to either of the stations on your side as you approach the altar.*

**Communion Music**

**LSB 451, sts. 3-4**

**LSB 448**



## Concluding Collect

P Let us pray. . . We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Bell Toll

## Silence

*—Please leave the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Holy Week—*

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### The Servants of the Word

**Presider:** Dean of Chapel Kent Burreson

**Preacher:** Professor Joel Elowsky

**Assistants:** Dr. Daniel Mattson, Seminararians Kyle Ronchetto,  
Mason Vieth, Nathaniel Brown

**Organist:** Director of Musical Arts Jim Marriott

### In Preparation for Communion

*To Our Guests:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.*

**-Kent J. Burreson, Dean of the Chapel**

### **Notes Regarding Communion**

- The campus Lord's Supper is sponsored and hosted by the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew and Pastor Mark Hricko of Silver Spring, Maryland.
- When receiving the cup to partake of Christ Jesus' blood, please place your hand on the cup in some way to assist the server in guiding it to your mouth. Depending upon how those distributing the cup are holding it, you can either take hold of the cup at the base on the bottom OR on the stem of the chalice OR at the bowl itself on the upper part. By doing so you will assist the server and help to prevent any unwelcome spillage.
- The Reliquary (unconsecrated, additional bread) will be distributed after the service in the narthex if there is sufficient quantity. You are invited to take a piece with you.
- If you would prefer not to drink wine directly from the chalice due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.
- If you have a gluten allergy or any other special need, please contact Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson.

### **Private Confession and Absolution**

Make an appointment with Chaplain Sieveking for confession at the altar or in his office.

### **Notes on the Service**

The liturgy is an adapted form of the chief service for Good Friday. It is being used today as a way of preparing for the Three Days of Christ's Pascha and for modeling what the Good Friday liturgy can be. It is truly a stripped-down service, void of basic elements like the Creed, the salutation at the beginning, canticles, including the Sanctus, extensive use of music and chant, particularly in the Lord's Supper rite, and the blessing. Central to the rite is the Word of God, the adoration of the cross and the reproaches, and the ancient Bidding Prayer (abbreviated), and, for our community, the Lord's Supper. May this service lead you to adore the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The rough-hewn wooden cross being used throughout Lent and in this week's liturgies was designed and executed by graduate Matthew Rosebrock.

## Prayer Requests

- Persecuted Christians
- Partner Church Bodies
- Synodical Leaders
- Districts and District Presidents
- Concordia Theological Seminary
- Concordia University System
- The Poor and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Texas, Louisiana, Florida, California, Puerto Rico, Mexico
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS; Carol Hoefer, wife of Dr. Herb Hoefer, Professor Emeritus at Concordia, Portland, undergoing chemotherapy treatments; JoAnn Zieroth, wife of Director of Vicarage Gary Zieroth at CTS, battling cancer; Pastor Andrew Johnson, recovering from surgery and undergoing chemotherapy; Gillian Bond's friend, Trevor, battling a very serious form of cancer; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Seminarian Kevin Scott being treated for a cyst; Maureen Campise, member of the seminary staff, recovering from back surgery
- Those Mourning: Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, seminary adjunct professor and retired President of the Southeastern District, and his family at the sudden death of his wife, Vivi

JESUS DOESN'T SEEM VERY KING-LIKE IN FRONT OF PILATE.

HIS KINGSHIP IS HIDDEN, BUT HIS LEADERSHIP IS UNMATCHED.



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ON THE CROSS CHRIST THE KING LEADS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE ETERNAL!



GOOD THING IT'S NOT 'CHRIST THE TRAVEL AGENT SUNDAY' — CAUSE I LOVE THE DESTINATION BUT I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THE ROUTE.



JOHN 18: 53-57

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Reflections from the Passion according to St. John, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).

**W**e adore You, O Christ,  
and we praise You. †  
Because by Your holy  
Cross You have redeemed the world