

717 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
 3 What was there that you could give them that would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be
 nev - er be out - spent, What great
 bod - y, you the head, When we
 vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
 with your dear ones on - ly for a
 gift that would out - live them, what last
 meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
 saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of
 qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
 will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
 with us, as you said. One with
 heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
 Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
 and the world you love me, know me as the
 you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
 longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
 ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
 and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wag - es: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.



Maundy Thursday

The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HYMN: CWS 717 (vs 1-4 pg. 12) **When You Woke That Thursday Morning**

SERMON

John 13:1-15, 34

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ²The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another"

HYMN: CWS 717 (verse 5) **When You Woke That Thursday Morning**

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin,

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The altar is stripped on Maundy Thursday in remembrance of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. The following words from Matthew 26 are read:

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Psalm 88 is read by the lector. During the reading of the psalm, the altar, which is one of the most prominent symbols of Christ in the church, is solemnly stripped of its vestments in memory of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday

After the completion of the psalm, the congregation leaves the church in silence. You may remain for silent prayer and meditation if you desire. There will be no formal dismissal.

We gather tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. to reflect upon our Savior's death.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During the distribution a soloist will sing 'He Breaks the Bread, He Pours the Wine'

He pours the wine, He breaks the bread.
He gives His body just as He said.
And at His table, we come to dine,
He breaks the bread, He pours the wine.

He loves His neighbor, He serves His friend.
In meekness cleanses the heart of sin.
And in compassion His mercy flows.
His grace is plenty to heal our woes.

Servant of the lowly, King of earth and sky,
Born to deliver us, born to love and die!

He pours the wine, He breaks the bread
He gives His body just as He said.
And at His table, we come to dine.
He breaks the bread, He pours the wine.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
- C:** **Almighty God, merciful Father,**
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
in our words, and in our actions.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: CW 316

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.**

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:

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O God Almighty, who through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, created all things and made mankind in your own image.

Blessed are you, O merciful Father, for when Adam sinned and lost your image, you did not forsake the people you had created. You sent your only begotten Son to take on human flesh through the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary. As our substitute, he fulfilled all of your laws in our place and died the death we deserve because of our sin.

For all of your undeserved love toward us, we give thanks and praise to your living and life-giving name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

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 Passover. 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the

bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: CW 135 (vs 1-5) **The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

M: Father in heaven, just as your Son lifted his eyes toward you on the night of his passion, we confidently approach you in his name as this day draws to a close.

C: **I lift up my eyes to the hills. My help comes from the LORD.**

M: As Priest and Passover Lamb, he prayed that his sacrifice, soon offered on the cross, would be acceptable to you and would result in his glory and our salvation. We give you praise that, having finished the work you gave him to do, you answered his prayer.

C: **At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

M: As ascending Advocate, he prayed for the disciples who believed his word and remained in the world. Preserve your saints here and in every place who bear your name through baptism. Though they are still in the world, keep them from becoming of the world and protect them from its hatred.

C: **Sanctify them by the truth, your word is truth.**

M: Bless the instruction of the young. As you used the Passover celebration to teach Israel's youth, bless our frequent celebration of Holy Communion as opportunity and incentive to teach our children that they may soon share in it with us.

C: **Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: Finally, as Mediator for mankind, he prayed for those elect who were yet to be gathered. May the unity created by your word and expressed in your Sacrament serve as clear evidence to the world that Christ is in us just as you are in him. Keep us from divisive error, needless disputes, and calloused indifference.

C: **Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.**

M: Use the apostolic gospel wherever it is preached to create and sustain faith. Just as Jesus now sits in glory, bring us and the full number of your chosen ones to the place where he has gone, which even now he makes ready for us.

C: **Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: As he interceded for us then, we are confident that he intercedes for us now. Therefore, we ask these things in his name and pray as he taught us:

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**