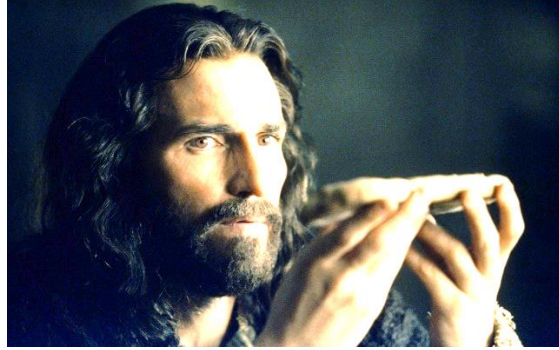


Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025



A New Covenant—for You!

AS WE GATHER

Unless you live in a homeowners' association (HOA), you may go through life without hearing much about covenants. The covenants in an HOA are mutually agreed upon standards for those who live in that community. God offers a new and better covenant to us. The validity of this new covenant does not rest on us and what we do. God's covenant fully rests on Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving up His life for the sins of the world. Because of Jesus, God forgives us, and He gives us confidence, comfort, and hope. We experience God's forgiveness tonight as we gather at our Lord's Table.

INVOCATION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

People: **Amen.**

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 32:1, 5*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our transgressions and sins to the Lord, our God, in the presence of one another.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE YOUR MERCY FLOWS

Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
 Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
 Most holy God, of all good things the giver.
 We turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.

Chorus:

Hear our cry O Lord, be merciful once more.
 Let Your love, Your anger stem
 remember mercy O Lord again.

Your church once great,
 though standing clothed in sorrow,
 is even still, the bride that you adore
 revive Your church, that we again may honor
 Our God and King, Our Master and Our Lord.

Chorus**✠ WORD ✠****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O Lord, 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Jeremiah 31:31–34*(The Lord promises a
new covenant.)

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, ³² not 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. ³³ For 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. ³⁴ And 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 116:12–19*

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Women: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

Men: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:15–25*

(Jesus is our great High Priest.)

¹⁵ And the 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,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let 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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 22:7–20*

(The Lord's Supper is instituted by Jesus.)

Reader: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So, Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Pastor: "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

Reader: They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" He said to them,

Pastor: "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 and 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?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there."

Reader: And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them,

Pastor: "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Reader: And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said,

Pastor: "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Reader: And he took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Pastor: "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Reader: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

Pastor: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED



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.

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling (sung to tune of 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

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| <p>1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling
Of the glorious body sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.</p> | <p>3 That last night at supper lying
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own hand.</p> |
| <p>2 Giv'n for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.</p> | <p>4 Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,
By His word His flesh to be;
Wine His sacred blood He maketh,
Though the senses fail to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.</p> |

SERMON Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price!
 Refrain

**Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose
 death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will
 On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies,
 He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives,
 He gives me His own righteousness.
Refrain

5 He rose, He rose,
 My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong
 Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
 This feast for our salvation;
 It is Your body and Your blood,
 And at Your invitation
 As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
 We come to You for needed rest,
 For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
 Where angel hosts are dwelling,
 And in Your presence they behold
 Your glory, all excelling,
 And though Your people shall not
 see
 Your glory and Your majesty
 Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
 To any habitation;
 But You are present even now
 Here with Your congregation.
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
 Unmoved by any daring hand
 Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
 Your precious Word believing
 That Your true body and Your blood
 Our lips are here receiving.
 This Word remains forever true;
 All things are possible with You,
 For You are Lord Almighty.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 No merit of my own I claim
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil.
 Refrain

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (spoken together)

Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

+ Stripping of the Altar +

Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Your true body and true blood announces that Your mercy plus nothing equals absolutely everything.
 Thank You, *forever*. Amen.

Please observe silence while departing.

*Our worship continues tomorrow with
**Good Friday Worship at
 1:00PM (with Communion)
 and 7:00PM.***

WHERE WE SERVE

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