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Lutheran Orthodox Church

*Maundy Thursday*  
*Tenebrae House Church Service*  
*March 24th, 2016*  
*7pm*

**Prelude—Taize Music**

**Seder Snack & History**

*Please silence all cellphones~ Thank You!*

**Opening Prayer for the Evening** (Martin Luther's Prayer #95)

*“Dear Lord God, that I am a sinner before you is as real as my conception, my birth, my nature, my thoughts, words, works, and my entire being are sinful. I am a corrupt tree and by nature a child of sin and wrath. As long as this nature remains with us we are sinners and must say: Forgive us our debts. So I confess what you command, in order that you may be just when you judge. Lord, I am an evildoer and a sinner against your divine commandment. You help me, for I am helpless. Amen.”*

**Confession & Absolution** (Inspired by Psalm 116 NRSV, Rev. Collins)

**Leader:** <sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord...

**The People Confess:** <sup>16</sup>*O Lord, We are your servants; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed our bonds.*

<sup>17</sup>*We will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.* <sup>18</sup>*I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people*

**Leader:** As a leader in the Church of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins—In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit

**People: AMEN**

## **1st Reading for the Evening**

*(1st candle is lit)*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## **2nd Reading for the Evening**

*(2nd Candle is lit)*

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach 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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **Reading from the Holy Gospel**

*(3rd Candle is lit)*

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup>They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations

for it?” <sup>10</sup>“Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” <sup>13</sup>So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of 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.” <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

**Leader:** *The Gospel of Our Lord*

**People:** *Praise to You O Christ*

**Time of Silence**

**Prayer & Reflection offered By Pastor Collins**

### **Holy Eucharist**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD’S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.**

☪ *Please be seated & at the close of each verse sung extinguish a Candle* ☪

**Closing Hymn—Were You There**

*Please depart in Silence*