

**By My Hand - For My Sake
Maundy Thursday • Peter**

LITANY

P: We meet Peter and all who gather around the Table of the Lord to receive His forgiveness and express our faith in Him to cover our guilt and wash us whiter than snow. We join in this responsive reflection from Psalm 51 interspersed with the hymn, "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed."

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?**

P: You are kind, God! Please have pity on me.

C: You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins. Wash me clean from all of my sin and guilt.

P: I know about my sins, and I cannot forget my terrible guilt.

C: You are really the one I have sinned against. I have disobeyed you and have done great wrong. So it is right and fair for you to correct and punish me. I have sinned and done wrong since the day I was born.

P: But you want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom.

C: Wash me with hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow. Let me be happy and joyful!

P: You crushed my bones,

C: now let them celebrate. Turn your eyes from my sin and cover my guilt.

P: Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again. Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you; for his sake your sins are forgiven. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit, that they may be called the children of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament which we are about to receive, You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred 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. Amen.

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall,
How good to those who seek!**

HOMILY Pastor Matt

SONG "Give Me Jesus"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 24:3-11 (The Israelites saw God, ate and drank)

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 116

P: I love you, God. You heard my cries.

C: You bent down to me when I called.

P: How can I repay you for all you have done for me?

C: I will raise the cup of salvation in your name. I will fulfill my promises before your people.

P: God, you are moved by the deaths of those who love you.

C: Remember me, your servant.

P: You cut death's cords, setting me free.

C: I will offer thanks, my God. I will call on your name. I will repay my vows before your people, within your house, O God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 10:19-25 (The Full Assurance of Faith)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

MONOLOGUE

Peter

“RJ” Kinsella

SONG

“Adoration” Matt Maher

OFFERING Let thankfulness be shown in our hearts this evening, as we remember the supreme gift of God's love and mercy and receive from Him the Gift of Jesus in bread and wine.

THE PRAYERS

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom. Do not remember our sins and frailties, but because of your goodness remember us, O God. Remember your loving kindness and your tender mercies which you have shown from long ago.

And bring to our remembrance the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ your Son, whose body was broken for us, whose holy blood was shed, that we might be made clean from all our sins. For his sake, wash us of our dreadful guilt—not just our feet or hands, but all of us—that we may stand before you spotless, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, forgiven by his holy sacrifice.

For our sakes, O loving God, your Son shared our humanity; he girded himself with flesh and blood, dust of our dust; he assumed the form of a servant, obedient even unto death.

For our sakes, he endured the thorns and nails; his precious blood flowed from his hands and feet and brow, and from his riven side—for us!

For his sake, make us servants too, girding ourselves with humility to comfort the grieving, bind up the brokenhearted, heal the sick, visit the lonely, and look with Christ's compassion on those whom Satan has sorely tried.

Make us the instruments of Christ's own love ...

Until the Son of Man returns in glory as he promised, to look upon us once again in saving love, and to welcome all who look to him into the everlasting banquet which he has prepared, there where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: On this solemn night we have gathered to remember and reenact what the Lord memorialized for the disciples and for us. This is no ordinary meal, but a life-giving meal, spiritual food for spiritual life. Let us “do this” in remembrance of our Savior.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 113

P: Praise the LORD!

**Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!**

C: Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

**P: The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

**C: Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

**P: He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

**C: to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

**P: He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.**

C: Praise the LORD!

PRAYER BEFORE RECEPTION

P: Let us pray together in our Lord's presence as we prepare to receive this heavenly gift.

C: I believe, Lord, and I confess, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Moreover, I believe that I am about to receive Your true Body and precious Blood. For this reason, I pray to You: have mercy on me, and forgive me my transgressions, those voluntary and involuntary, those in word, those in deed, those in knowledge and those in ignorance; and make me worthy to partake of this sacred Mystery without condemnation, for the remission of sins and life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN Tune: Hyfrydol (LSB #700) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**With your angels we adore you, Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Earth and heaven bow before you, God of hosts, by all adored.
Blest is he whose kindness gave us His own blood and body true.
To the one who comes to save us: Our hosannas glad are due!**

CONSECRATION

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: Let us eat together the body of Christ.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.

HYMN Tune: Hyfrydol (LSB #700) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, All our sins you take away.
Lamb of God, by your great favor, Lord, have mercy now, we pray.
Lamb of God, our prayers attending, Never let your mercies cease,
But, your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all your gift of peace.

P: Let us pray
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, on this the eve of Christ's death we ask that You remember us in our great need, and that you let this sacrament work faith within us in order that we may find wholeness and peace where there is emptiness and unrest. We ask that you forgive us our trespasses, and enable us to forgive those who sin against us. Help us not rise in anger against this world, but to boldly follow You in all ways, and be led to the glories of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (Psalm 22 is played during the stripping of the altar)

PSALM 22

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE Matthew 26:36–38

P: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

The Congregation leaves in silence, contemplating what is to come, and "watching" with Christ as we enter our rest and return tomorrow to see the Lord's betrayal

into the hands of evil men, His arrest in the Garden, and join Him on His path to Calvary.