

ORDER OF SERVICE

Maundy Thursday | April 1, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Let us seek God's presence through quiet meditation during the prelude.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the *italicized texts* silently in your heart as your own words.

HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vs. 1-2, 5-6) ELW #343
(Alt. tune: ELW #640)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O God, we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

C *Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

P Against you we have sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

C *Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

P All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way.

C *Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

P All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

C *Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

P We know that we were ransomed from our futile ways not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

C *In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he has lavished upon us.*

HYMN tune of ELW #351

Lord Jesus, you draw near us

In garb of human flesh,

An earthly form, to cheer us,

To kindle faith afresh.

Your body for us broken

On the accursed tree

Becomes a sacred token

Of glory yet to be.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

C *Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Wash us, beloved Savior,
Within the precious flood
That makes us clean forever,
Your pure and holy blood.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
The blood of Christ, our Lord.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

L ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C ² *for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.*

L ¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C ¹³ *I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.*

L ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

C ¹⁵ *Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.*

L ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C ¹⁷ *I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.*

L ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

C ¹⁹ *in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!*

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

PSALMODY: from Psalm 50 and Hebrews 10

L The Lord who rules o'er ev'rything
Shines forth throughout the earth.

C *Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,
let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.*

L Bring to God's throne an offering
That demonstrates his worth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON "The Blood of Christ"

HYMN OF THE DAY "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #359
(Alt. tune: ELW #772)

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray to the Lord.

C *Lord, have mercy.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray,
believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of glory,
receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the
earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be
brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.*

THE PROPER PREFACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO FIRST COMMUNION

P At this time, we are delighted to invite forward those who participated in the First Communion classes. These individuals learned about communion and baked the bread for our communion today.

P Today we join with these young people and their families to again break bread in the presence of the risen Lord and have our eyes opened and our hearts burn with faith, with hope and with love.

C *We gladly join with you at the Lord's Table today, one in Christ through the mystery of this gift of life and the promise of God's most holy word.*

P Let us pray together.

C *Dear Lord,
throughout time your word told us of and promised us your steadfast love.
In this sacred meal that we are about to celebrate, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes with forgiveness and new life in bread and wine and your word and Holy Spirit. May our hearts be opened to your presence and goodness.
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	ELW #494
	“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”	ELW #337
	“Christ, the Life of All the Living”	ELW #339

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The blood of Christ, our brother
Who came from heav'n above,
Frees us to love each other
With sacrificial love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE

Please leave in silence. Our services start on Thursday and end on Sunday, therefore no benediction on Thursday. We gather in silence on Friday and also depart in silence letting the message of the crucifixion help us prepare for our Sunday worship celebration.

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Stripping of the Altar

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord, Events moved rapidly:

Prayer in Gethsemane
Betrayal by Judas
Arrest, mock trial, painful beating
The trudge to Golgotha and execution.

As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Palms: Less than a week ago Jesus entered Jerusalem as a peaceful king. At the Last Supper he humbled himself before his followers and became a servant. Now the palms are removed from the sanctuary as Christ is betrayed by His loved ones, stripped of his dignity and treated as a common criminal.

Candles: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Offering Plates: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The Missal Stand and Worship Book: Our worship book guides our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and book.

Communion Vessels: Jesus' offered Body and his shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine. As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this sacrament.

Paraments: Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

Announcements

Holy Communion: We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

Instructions for Communion: Please use hand sanitizer before going to the railing. Hand sanitizer has been placed at the front of the aisle. We will not be kneeling. Please distance six feet from other people who are not members of your household. Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate to Pastor Kristine that you would like a gluten free wafer and a deacon will give you one. There is apple juice available. Please indicate to the deacon that you would like apple juice.

Lector tonight: Char Strand

Media Operator tonight: Gage Augeson

Video Recorder tonight: Rich Isder

April Usher Group: Group 3 with Captain Bryan Schuerman, Paul Belseth, Wade Kittelson, Bruce Loose, Tim Streed and Paul Tostenson

Honored guests who are invited to the Lord's table for the first time this evening are Mason Erp, Sophie Hewitt, Carter Moen, Parker Spray and Eva Trager.

The congregation is invited downstairs following worship tonight for a reception to celebrate our fifth grader's first communion.

Big Bend Members: Please use the labeled envelopes on the table in the hallway for any offerings given if you would like it to go back to Big Bend or you can also write a check to Big Bend. All undesignated loose offering will stay at Kviteseid.

Holy Week worship continues with this year's Lenten Theme "The Body of Christ." Tonight's focus is on "The Blood of Christ."

Good Friday, April 2: Worship at Kviteseid at 7 p.m. Theme is "The Body of Christ."

Easter Sunday Worship with communion, April 4: Big Bend at 6:30 a.m. and Kviteseid at 9:00 a.m.; also Facebook Live for both and parking lot worship at Big Bend. Easter egg hunt at Kviteseid at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



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