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HOLY WEEK  
PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE  
*Readings from the Gospels*

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2, 2026**  
6:00 p.m. In-Sanctuary

**Watchword for Maundy Thursday —**  
*He has gained renown by his wonderful  
deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.*  
Psalm 111:4



# SHARON

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### READING OF THE DAILY TEXT — Thursday, April 2, 2026

**Watchword:** *Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. Psalm 146:5*

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,  
op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day! (544)

**Doctrinal Text:** *Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:27-28*

Come, come, come,  
Christ Jesus bids us come.  
O come to his table, all who love him,  
think of his grace, and pray to receive him;  
come, come, come,  
Christ Jesus bids us come. (412\*)

**Prayer:** Source of life, today especially, we remember you. We remember you as you sat with your disciples one final time. We remember you as you sit with us today. Give unto us your peace. Amen.

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**HYMN:** # 354 — *O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink*

O for a faith that will not shrink,  
Though pressed by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty or woe;

2 That will not murmur or complain  
Beneath the chastening rod;  
But in the hour of grief or pain  
Can lean upon its God;

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without;  
That when in danger knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt;

4 A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last spark is fled,  
And with a pure and heavenly ray  
Lights up a dying bed.

5 Lord, give me such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
I'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

1831. W. H. Bathurst.

## READING FROM PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE: **THE READING FOR THURSDAY**

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### **THE SUPPER**

— **Sis Angelus Hurdle**

Now as they were eating, Jesus said to them, “I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Then Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take it and eat; this is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.” In the same way he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the Kingdom of my Father.”

### **THE WITHDRAWAL OF JUDAS**

— **Sis Evelina King-Harper**

And Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, “I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.”

The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, “Not I, surely?”

He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the Scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!”

Judas, who was going to betray him, asked in his turn. “Not I, Rabbi, surely?”

“They are your own words,” answered Jesus.

The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, “Ask who it is he means;” so leaning back on Jesus’ breast he said, “Who is it, Lord?”

“It is the one,” replied Jesus, “to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish,” He dipped a piece of bread and gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” None of the others at table

understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some thought Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or telling him to give something to the poor.

As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.

**HYMN:** # 275 — *"Master, The Tempest Is Raging!"*

Master, the tempest is raging!  
The billows are tossing high!  
The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness,  
No shelter or help is nigh;  
Carest Thou not that we perish?  
How canst Thou lie asleep,  
When each moment so madly is threatening  
A grave in the angry deep?

*The winds and the waves shall obey Thy will,  
'Peace, be still!'*  
*Whether the wrath of the storm tossed sea,  
Or demons or men, or whatever it be,  
No waters can swallow the ship where lies  
The Master of ocean, and earth, and skies;  
They all shall sweetly obey Thy will,  
'Peace, be still! Peace, be still!'*  
*They all shall sweetly obey Thy will,  
'Peace, peace, be still!'*

2 Master, with anguish of spirit  
I bow in my grief today;  
The depths of my sad heart are troubled;  
Oh, waken and save, I pray!  
Torrents of sin and of anguish  
Sweep o'er my sinking soul;  
And I perish! I perish! dear Master;  
Oh, hasten, and take control.

3 Master, the terror is over,  
The elements sweetly rest;  
Earth's sun in the calm lake is mirrored,  
And heaven's within my breast;  
Linger, O blessèd Redeemer!  
Leave me alone no more;  
And with joy I shall make the blest harbour,  
And rest on the blissful shore.

*1874. Mary A. Baker.*

## **THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**

— **Sis Margaret Best**

When he had gone, Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away — he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business. I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you, and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last, and then the Father will give

you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

**HYMN: # 422 — "Be This Exalted, Holy Lord"**

Be thou exalted, holy Lord,  
Obeyed and honoured and adored:  
Let all the earth acknowledge thee,  
And heaven declare thy majesty.

2 Look mercifully, O most High,  
On all who yet in darkness lie,  
Who live in fear and fruitless strife,  
Athirst for truth and peace and life.

3 How dare we rest, who bear thy name  
Amidst ungodliness and shame,  
Till men, ensnared in slavery,  
Shall claim thy glorious liberty?

4 Plant thou thy Church in every place,  
Send forth ambassadors of grace;  
And where thy name is yet unknown,  
Declare thy word and claim thine own.

5 Until the ransomed, in that day  
When sighs and sorrows flee away,  
Sing praise, with all the heavenly host,  
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*1948. E. R. Morgan.*

**COMFORT IN ADVERSITY**

**— Bro. Anthony Ifill**

"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before you. In the world you will have trouble, but be brave — I have conquered the world. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not I should have told you, I

am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.”

“Have I been with you all this time, Philip,” said Jesus to him, “and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘Let us see the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask for in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it.

## **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

— **Sis Brenda Mascoll**

“If you love me you will keep my commandments I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.”

Judas — this was not Judas Iscariot — said to him, “Lord, what is this all about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

**HYMN:** # 174 — *"Our Blest Redeemer, Ere He Breathed"*

Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed  
His tender, last farewell,  
A guide, a comforter bequeathed,  
With us to dwell.

2 He came in tongues of living flame  
To teach, convince, subdue;  
All-powerful as the wind he came—  
As viewless too.

3 He came sweet influence to impart,  
A gracious, willing guest,  
While he can find one humble heart  
Wherein to rest.

4 And his that gentle voice we hear,  
Soft as the breath of even,  
That checks each fault, that calms each fear,  
And speaks of heaven.

5 And every virtue we possess,  
And every victory won,  
And every thought of holiness  
Are his alone.

6 Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness pitying see;  
O make our hearts thy dwelling-place,

And worthier thee.

1829. Harriet Auber.

## **THE GIFT OF PEACE**

— **Sis Joy Best**

“Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say, ‘I am going away, and shall return’. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe. I shall not talk with you any longer, because the prince of this world is on his way. He has no power over me, but the world must be brought to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father told me.”

*(Here all stand)*

## **JESUS DEDICATES HIMSELF**

— **Sis Joy Best**

After saying this, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you; and through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do, Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I come from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

## **PRAYER FOR THE DISCIPLES**

— **Bro Edwin Sandiford**

“I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they

are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures, But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.

### **PRAYER FOR ALL BELIEVERS — Bro. Edwin Sandiford**

“I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given to me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.”

**HYMN: # 291 — “I Lift My Heart To Thee”**

I lift my heart to thee,  
Saviour divine,  
For thou art all to me,  
And I am thine:  
Is there on earth a closer bond than this,  
That my belovèd’s mine, and I am his?

2 Thine am I by all ties,  
But chiefly thine,  
That through thy sacrifice  
Thou, Lord, art mine:  
By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound  
Around me, I to thee am closely bound.

3 To thee, thou dying Lamb,  
I all things owe;  
All that I have and am,  
And all I know:  
All that I have is now no longer mine,  
And I am not my own; Lord, I am thine.

4 How can I, Lord, withhold  
Life's brightest hour  
From thee; or gathered gold,  
Or any power?  
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee,  
When thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

5 I pray thee, Saviour, keep  
Me in thy love,  
Until death's holy sleep  
Shall me remove  
To that fair realm, where, sin and sorrow o'er,  
Thou and thine own are one for evermore.

1871. C. E. Mudie.

*(Here all sit)*

## **GETHSEMANE**

— **Sis Cora Cumberbatch**

After Psalms had been sung, they left for the Mount of Olives and crossed the Kedron Valley to a small estate called Gethsemane. There was a garden there and Jesus went into it with his disciples. Judas the traitor knew the place well, since Jesus had often met his disciples there. When they reached

the place he said to his disciples, "Stay here while I go over there to pray." Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him and great distress. And he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake."

And going on a little further, about a stone's throw away, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that if it were possible this hour might pass him by. "Abba, Father," he said. "Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it."

He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour? You should be awake and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Again, a second time, he went away and prayed. "My Father," he said, "if the cup cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done."

And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him.

Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words.

*(Here all stand)*

In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

*(Silent Prayer)  
1 Minute*

**HYMN:** # 234 — *"Have You Been To Jesus For The Cleansing Power?"*

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

*Are you washed...in the blood,... In the soul-cleansing  
blood of the Lamb?*

*Are your garments spotless? Are they pure and clean?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

**2** Are you walking daily by the Saviour's side?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**3** When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be clean?  
Pure and clean in the blood of the Lamb?  
Will your soul be ready for the joys unseen,  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**4** Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb!  
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean—  
Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

*Elisha Hoffman d . 1929, a.*

## **THE ARREST** — **Bro Darwin Dottin**

When he rose from prayer he came back a third time to his disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief and said to them, "You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hand of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already."

Even while he was still speaking, Judas came up together with a detachment of Guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees, all with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Knowing everything that was going to happen to him, Jesus then came forward and said, "Who are you looking for?"

They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said, "I am he."

Now Judas the traitor was standing among them. When Jesus said, "I am he," they moved back and fell to the ground.

He asked them a second time, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

"I have told you that I am he," replied Jesus. "If I am the one you are looking for, let these others go." This was to fulfil the words he had spoken: 'Not one of those you gave me have I lost.'

Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. "The one I kiss," he had said, "he is the man. Take him in charge and see he is well guarded when you lead him away." So he went straight up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi," and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, "My friend, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Do what you are here for."

Then they came forward and seized Jesus and took him in charge.

His followers, seeing what was happening, said, "Lord, shall we use our swords?"

Then one of the bystanders — Simon Peter — who carried a sword, drew it and struck out at the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back in its scabbard; for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."

Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders, "Am I a brigand," he said, "that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness; this is to fulfil the scriptures."

And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

**HYMN:** # 269 — *"Dear Lord And Father of Mankind"*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;

In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

4 With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of thy call,  
As noiseless let thy blessing fall  
As fell thy manna down.

5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

6 Breathe through the heats of our desire,  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

*1872. J. G. Whittier.*

## **THE EXAMINATION BEFORE ANNAS**

**— Bro Stephen King**

The cohort and its captain and the Jewish guards seized Jesus and bound him. They took him first to Annas, because Annas was the father-in-law of

Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. He questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly for all the world to hear; I have always taught in the synagogue and in the Temple where all the Jews meet together: I have said nothing in secret. But why ask me? Ask my hearers what I taught: they know what I said."

At these words, one of the guards standing by gave Jesus a slap in the face, saying, "Is that the way to answer the high priest?"

Jesus replied, "If there is something wrong in what I said, point it out; but if there is no offence in it, why do you strike me?"

Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas, the high priest. It was Caiaphas who had suggested to the Jews, 'It is better for one man to die for the people.'

Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, "Play the prophet," they said. "Who hit you then?" And they continued heaping insults on him.

## **PETER'S DENIAL**

— **Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts**

Simon Peter, with another disciple, followed Jesus. This disciple, who was known to the high priest, went with Jesus into the high priest's palace, but Peter stayed outside the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who was keeping the door and brought Peter in.

The maid on duty at the door said to Peter, "Aren't you another of that man's disciples?"

He answered, "I am not."

Now it was cold and the servants and the guards had lit a charcoal fire and were standing there warming themselves; so Peter stood there too, warming himself with the others. And as he was there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said, "This person was with him too."

And again, with an oath, he denied it; "I do not know the man."

About an hour later, one of the high priest's servants, a relation of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, insisted, "This fellow was certainly with him;" and he said to Peter, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

The bystanders said to Peter, "You are one of them, for sure! Why, you are a Galilean! Your accent gives you away."

But he started calling down curses on himself and swearing, "I do not know the man you speak of."

At that moment the cock crew and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**HYMN: # 237 — "Make Me A Captive, Lord"**

Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free;  
Force me to render up my sword,  
And I shall conqueror be.

**2** I sink in life's alarms  
When by myself I stand;  
Imprison me within thine arms,  
And strong shall be my hand.

**3** My heart is weak and poor  
Until it master find;  
It has no spring of action sure,  
It varies with the wind.

**4** It cannot freely move  
Till thou hast wrought its chain;  
Enslave it with thy matchless love,  
And deathless it shall reign.

**5** My will is not my own  
Till thou hast made it thine;  
If it would reach a monarch's throne  
It must its crown resign.

**6** It only stands unbent  
Amid the clashing strife,

When on thy bosom it has leant,  
And found in thee its life.

1890. G. Matheson.

**REFLECTION**

—

**Rev. David Ince**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: # 235 — “Take My Life, And Let It Be”**

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**2** Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

**3** Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

**4** Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

**5** Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasured store;  
Take myself, and I will be,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

1874. Frances R. Havergal.

## **COMMUNION**

### **The Lord's Supper I**

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

*We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.*

*But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us.*

*Amen.*

Lift up your hearts:

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same

by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**AMEN.**

**HYMN: # 576 — “With Deep Devotion”**

With deep devotion  
We in Christ’s sufferings trace  
The unfathomed ocean  
Of his abounding grace;  
He gave  
Himself, our souls to save.

**2** His body broken  
Upon the shameful cross,  
As he hath spoken,  
Was given to death for us:  
We feed  
On everlasting bread.

**3** The Lord draws near us,  
Let us to meet him haste;  
He comes to cheer us,  
His flesh is our repast,

His blood  
Our drink and highest good.

4 In sweet communion  
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,  
And holy union  
With all who love his name,  
May we  
Abide continually.

1808. W. Okeley.

*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

### Hymns:

# 555 — *"Together With These Symbols Lord"*

Together with these symbols, Lord,  
Thy blessèd self impart;  
And let thy holy flesh and blood  
Feed the believing heart.

2 Let us from all our sins be washed  
In thy redeeming blood;  
And let thy Spirit be the seal  
That we are sons of God.

3 Come, Holy Ghost, with Jesus' love  
Prepare us for this feast;  
So shall we banquet with our Lord,  
And lean upon his breast.

1741. J. Cennick, a.

# 560 — “Come, Take By Faith”

Come take by faith the body of your Lord,  
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

2 Salvation’s giver, Christ, the only Son,  
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

3 Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

4 He, ransomer from death, and light from shade,  
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.

6 He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields.

7 With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

8 O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,  
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.

1851. J. M. Neale;  
1876. E. H. Bickersteth, a.

*All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.*

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ’s body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,***

***Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***

*All stand*

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

**Hymns:**

# 557—*Shepherd of Souls Refresh And Bless*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock,  
With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.

2 Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,  
As thou when here below,  
Our souls the joys celestial seek,  
That from thy sorrows flow.

3 We would not live by bread alone,  
But by that word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.

4 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread

Thy table in our heart.

5 Then share with us in love divine;  
Thy body and thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

1825. J. Montgomery, a.

# 578 — *According To Thy Gracious Word*

According to thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will I do, my dying Lord,  
I will remember thee.

2 Thy body, broken for my sake,  
My bread from heaven shall be;  
Thy testamental cup I take,  
And thus remember thee.

3 Gethsemane can I forget?  
Or there thy conflict see,  
Thine agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember thee?

4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,  
I must remember thee.

5 Remember thee, and all thy pains,  
And all thy love to me;  
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,  
Will I remember thee.

6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,  
And mind and memory flee,  
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,

Jesus, remember me.

1825. J. Montgomery.

*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***

**Hymn of Thanksgiving: # 582 — *By Christ Redeemed***

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,  
We keep the memory adored,  
And show the death of our dear Lord  
Until he come.

**2** His body broken in our stead,  
We 'take and eat' - the living bread;  
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed  
Until he come.

**3** The drops of his dread agony,  
His life-blood shed for us, we see;  
The wine shall tell the mystery  
Until he come.

4 And thus that dark betrayal-night  
With the last advent we unite,  
By one blest chain of loving rite,  
Until he come.

5 O blessed hope! With this elate,  
Let not our hearts be desolate,  
But, strong in faith, in patience wait,  
Until he come!

*1857. G. Rawson.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.      **AMEN.**

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*

**Covenant Hymn: #596 — “We Who Here Together Are Assembled”**

We who here together are assembled,  
Joining hearts and hands in one,  
Bind ourselves with love that’s undissembled,  
Christ to love and serve alone:  
O may our imperfect songs and praises  
Be well-pleasing unto thee, Lord Jesus:  
Say, ‘My peace I leave with you:’  
Amen, Amen, be it so.

**The Blessing:**

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

***In the name of Jesus.*      AMEN.**

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*