

Online Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday – April 09th, 2020

From St. Pauls, New York; translated & adjusted for Martin Luther Church

Informal start / Arrival phase

Greeting

Check in

Service

Liturgical opening

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Greeting

Opening song: O Lord hear my prayer (ELW751)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Prayer

Psalm 116 (responsively)

Let us pray together with the words of the people of Israel as we read Psalm 116. I'll begin and invite you all to read the bold printed verses. And please don't worry about not being perfectly in sync.

I love the Lord, because he has heard

my voice and my supplications.

*Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

*Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, save my life!"*

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

*The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.*

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

*For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.*

I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

*I kept my faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";*

I said in my consternation,
"Everyone is a liar."

*What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?*

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

*I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.*

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

*O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.*

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

*I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,*

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Halleluja!

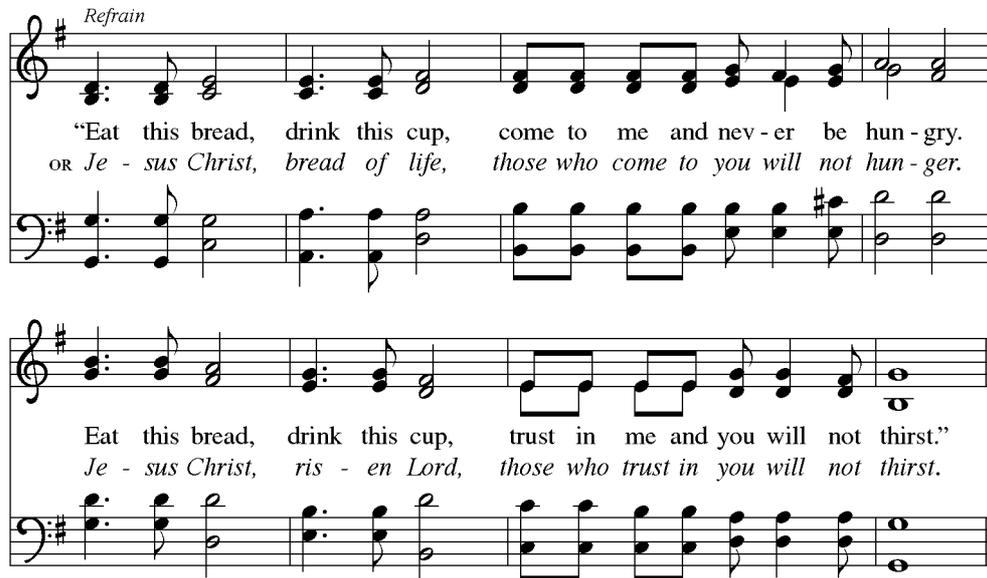
Reading (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) and Reflection (Lectio Divina)

Instead of a bible reading followed by a sermon, I decided to go about a bit differently tonight; more interactive. The idea is to do a variation of Lectio Divina. For those who don't know: Lectio Divina is a medieval spiritual practice. It is a four-step reading practice with the traditional steps being: *Lectio, Meditatio, Oratio, Contemplatio* (reading, meditating, praying and contemplating).

The four steps we are going to do are: *Narrative, Allegory, Reflection and Invitation*. We will hear the text four times and after each time I'm going to ask a question. There are no right or wrong answers to either one.

Song: Eat This Bread (ELW348)

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Thanksgiving over the bread

Thanksgiving over the wine

Blessings on the assembled

Prayer of the people

Each prayer ends with: “Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great!*” During one prayer everyone can name the people they’d like to pray for.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*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.*

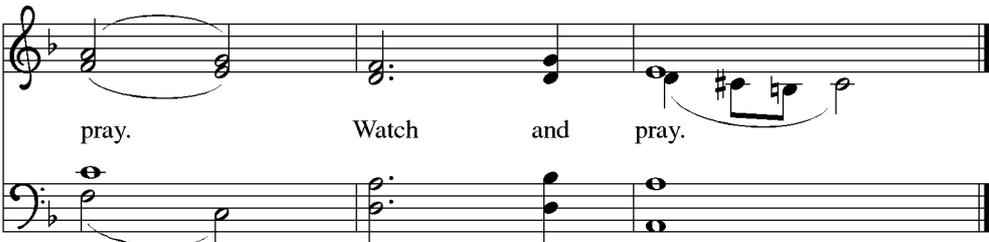
Bless the bread together

Bless the wine / grape juice together

Song: Stay with me / Bleibet hier und wachet mit mir (ELW348)



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and



pray. Watch and pray.

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German:

Bleibet hier und wachet mit mir.

Wachet und betet, wachet und betet.

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<https://youtu.be/BK2khayKOPw> (German)

Blessing (closing blessing)

Meal

Thereby: Follow-up discussion (with flexible length of participation)