



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
MAUNDY THURSDAY—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 116

**A: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

L: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

G: he heard my cry for mercy.

L: Because he turned his ear to me,

G: I will call on him as long as I live.

L: The LORD is gracious and righteous;

G: when I was in great need, he saved me.

L: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from
death,

**G: my eyes from tears, my feet from
stumbling.**

L: How can I repay the LORD

G: for all his goodness to me?

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation

G: and call on the name of the LORD.

**A: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**As often as you eat this bread and drink the
cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26 RSV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Maundy Thursday: Blood paints the way to salvation. Yet “not all the blood beasts” (CW 128) could for sin atone. Fulfilling the Old, the Lamb of God establishes the New Covenant in his own body and blood.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther’s Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 22:7-20

Here is the final Passover and the establishment of the New Covenant meal. Through the sacrifice of his own body and blood, the Lamb of God brings assurance of the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith. Participation in this, his body and blood, proclaims his death until we eat and drink it with him in eternity.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14

With the Lord’s judgment at hand the blood of lambs is a sign of his faithfulness to all Israel. The gore marks doorframes for the deliverance of Israel from the judgment of God upon Egypt. A shadow of promised salvation from eternal death through the sacrificial Lamb of God, the first Passover is to be remembered from generation to generation.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 10:15-25

Linking promise to fulfillment, shadow to reality, the Holy Spirit testifies to the new covenant. The sacrifice has been made, once for all. The purifying waters of baptism have connected us to his death and life. His blood marks the door frames of our hearts. Yes, all barriers have been removed so that we may approach the God of the Covenant in the full confidence of forgiveness.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Jeremiah prophesies of the New Covenant. Quoted in Hebrews 10 and fulfilled in Luke 22, this prophecy proclaims a time that has now come. Gone is the covenant of old. It is replaced by knowledge of the Lord, membership in his family, and the forgiveness of sins. He is our God; we are his people.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?