

SHARON & DUNSCOMBE  
Moravian Churches - Barbados

# HOLY WEEK

## PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE

*Readings from the Gospels*

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**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025**  
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

**HYMN:**    # 36 — *Praise To The Holiest In The Height*

**C.M.**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

2    O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.

3    O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail:

4    And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self  
And essence all-divine.

5    O generous love! that he who smote  
In man, for man, the foe,  
The double agony in man,  
For man, should undergo.

6    And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,

Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

1865. J. H. Newman.

## READING OF THE DAILY TEXT — Thursday, April 17, 2025

**Watchword:** *Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.* Psalm 73:2

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things. (579\*)

**Doctrinal Text:** *Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.* Luke 22:42-43

My Redeemer, overwhelmed with anguish,  
went to Olivet for me;  
there he kneels, his heart does heave and languish  
in a bitter agony;  
fear and horror seize his soul and senses,  
for the hour of darkness now commences;  
ah, how he does weep and groan  
our rebellion to atone. (346)

**Prayer:** Our Redeemer, you have invited us to your table, washed our feet with a loving and humble heart, and borne our burdens. Let us commit ourselves this day to be your strength. Let us take the cup of loving sacrifice and love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

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**HYMN:** # 107— *Lord Through This Holy Week of Our Salvation*

**11.10.11.10.**

Lord through this holy week of our salvation,  
Which thou hast won for us who went astray,  
In all the conflict of thy sore temptation  
We would continue with thee day by day.

2 We would not leave thee, though our weak endurance  
Make us unworthy here to take our part;  
Yet give us strength to trust the sweet assurance  
That thou, O Lord, art greater than our heart.

4 Along the sacred way where thou art leading,  
Which thou didst take to save our souls from loss,  
Let us go also, till we see thee pleading  
In all-prevailing prayer upon thy cross.

*1898. W. H. Draper.*

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

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## THE SUPPER

— Sis Carmel Downes

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.”

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C.M.

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?

*1825. J. Montgomery.*

## THE WITHDRAWAL OF JUDAS

— Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle

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.

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*Andrew of Crete, d. 732.*

Christian! dost thou see them  
On the holy ground,  
How the powers of darkness  
Compass thee around?  
Christian! up and smite them,  
Counting gain but loss;  
Smite them by the merit  
Of the holy cross.

2 Christian! dost thou feel them,  
How they work within,  
Striving, tempting, luring,

Goaded into sin?  
Christian! never tremble;  
Never be downcast;  
Gird thee for the conflict,  
Watch and pray and fast.

*1862. J. M. Neale, a.*

## **THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**

**— Sis Hazel Carter**

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.

*Herz und Herz vereint zusammen.  
1723. N. L. v. Zinzendorf.*

Christian hearts in love united,  
Seek alone in Jesus rest;  
Has he not your love excited?  
Then let love inspire each breast;  
Members - on our Head depending,  
Lights - reflecting him our sun,  
Brethren - his commands attending,  
We in him, our Lord, are one.

3 Grant, Lord, that with thy direction,  
'Love each other', we comply,  
Aiming with unfeigned affection  
Thy love to exemplify;  
Let our mutual love be glowing;  
Thus will all men plainly see,  
That we, as on one stem growing,  
Living branches are in thee.

*1789. F. W. Foster, a.*

## **COMFORT IN ADVERSITY**

**— Bro Patrick Cadogan**

"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.

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C.M.

Thou art the way; to thee alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek  
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2 Thou art the truth; thy word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind  
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the life; the rending tomb  
Proclaims thy conquering arm;  
And those who put their trust in thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the way, the truth, the life:  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.

*1824. G. W. Doane.*

“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.

**174****86.84.**

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

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**

— Sis Denise Grant

“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**

**— Sis Brenda Mascoll**

“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.”

*(Here all sit)*

### **GETHSEMANE**

**— Sis Ingrid Ibrahim**

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*

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'Tis midnight: and on Olive's brow  
The star is dimmed that lately shone;  
'Tis midnight in the garden now,  
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

2 'Tis midnight: and from all removed,  
The Saviour wrestles 'lone with fears;  
E'en that disciple whom He loved  
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

3 'Tis midnight: and for others' guilt  
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;  
Yet He, who hath in anguish knelt,  
Is not forsaken by His God.

4 'Tis midnight: and from ether-plains  
Is borne the song that angels know;  
Unheard by mortals are the strains  
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

*1822. William B. Tappan.*

## THE ARREST

— Sis Evelina King-Harper

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.

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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 Victor Hurdle**

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 Sian Cumberbatch

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.

Thine for ever! God of love,  
Hear us from thy throne above;  
Thine for ever may we be,  
Here and in eternity.

2 Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
Shield us through our earthly strife;  
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

3 Thine for ever! O how blest  
They who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

4 Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep  
These thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath thy care,  
Let us all thy goodness share.

5 Thine for ever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by thee supplied,  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

*1847. Mary F. Maude.*

**REFLECTION**

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**Rev. Ezra Parris**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: # 233 — Jesus, Master, Whose I Am (# 218)**

Jesus, Master, whose I am,  
Purchased thine alone to be,

By thy blood, O spotless Lamb,  
Shed so willingly for me,  
Let my heart be all thine own,  
Let me live to thee alone.

2 Other lords have long held sway;  
Now thy name alone to bear,  
Thy dear voice alone obey,  
Is my daily, hourly prayer.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee?  
Nothing else my joy can be.

3 Jesus, Master, I am thine;  
Keep me faithful, keep me near;  
Let thy presence in me shine  
All my homeward way to cheer:  
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,  
O be thou my all in all!

1865. 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.**

*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:

# 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.*

# 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, ransom 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:**

# 568—*My Shepherd Is the Lamb*

**My** Shepherd is the Lamb,  
The living Lord, who died;  
With all that’s truly good I am  
Most plenteously supplied.

**2** He richly feeds my soul  
With manna from above,  
And leads me where the rivers roll  
Of everlasting love.

**3** My table he doth spread  
With choicest fare, and I  
Behold the Lamb, the living Bread,  
And eat most joyfully.

**4** He makes my cup run o’er,  
Anoineth me with oil;  
I shall enjoy for evermore



The merits of his toil.

5 Then I my Shepherd's care  
Shall praise, and him adore,  
And in his Father's house shall share  
True bliss for evermore.

*J. Beaumont, d. 1750, a.*

# 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.*

*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: # 588 — *For The Bread And For The Wine***

For the bread and for the wine,  
For the pledge that seals him mine,  
For the words of love divine,  
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

**2** For the feast of love and peace,  
Bidding all our sorrows cease,  
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,  
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

**3** For the words that turn our eye  
To the cross of Calvary,  
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,  
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

**4** Till he come we take the bread,  
Type of him on whom we feed,  
Him who liveth and was dead;  
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

5 Till he come, we take the cup;  
As we at his table sup,  
Eye and heart are lifted up,  
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

*1874. H. Bonar.*

**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 –**

We covenant with hand and heart,  
To follow Christ, our Lord;  
With world and sin and self to part,  
And to obey his word;  
To love each other heartily,  
In truth and in sincerity,  
And under cross, reproach and shame,  
To glorify his name.

*1792. S. T. Benade.*

### **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.*