

# Maundy Thursday Service

April 13, 2017

*Maundy Thursday Derived from the Latin word mandatum, meaning "commandment," Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.*

## Invitation to Confession

☞ Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## Confession and Absolution

☞ Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

☛ **We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☞ God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

☛ **Amen.**

*Those in the assembly who desire a more personal form of absolution may come forward and present themselves before the pastor.*

☞ In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

☛ **Amen.**

*Stand as you are able.*

## Passing of the Peace

☞ Lent has ended. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☛ **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

## Entranced Hymn

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

**WOV 742** (blue book)

## Prayer of the Day

☛ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

**A** Let us pray... 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.

**C** **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, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **First Reading**

### **Exodus 12:1-14**

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

**L** A reading from **Exodus**:

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**L** Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

D

1 What shall I ren - der to the LORD for all his  
2 Sal - va - tion's cup of bless - ing now I take and  
3 His saints the LORD de - lights to save; their death is

G D A D

ben - e - fits to me? How shall my life, by grace re -  
call up - on God's name. Be - fore his saints I pay my  
pre - cious in his sight. He has re - deemed me from the

A G Em A D

stored, give wor - thy thanks, O LORD, to thee?  
vow and here my grat - i - tude pro - claim.  
grave, and in his ser - vice I de - light.

4 With thankful heart I offer now  
my gift and call upon God's name.  
Before his saints I pay my vow  
and here my gratitude proclaim.

5 Within his house, the house of prayer,  
I dedicate myself to God.  
Let all his saints his grace declare  
and join to sound his praise abroad.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

### **L** A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **L** Word of the Lord.

### **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading

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

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

### **P** The holy Gospel according to **John.**

### **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the

end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

*Stand as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**

*A New Commandment*

**WOV 664** (blue book)

*Kneel or sit as you are able.*

## Prayers

▣ As Jesus calls us to love one another, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

▣ We pray for the church: Gather us together through your love. Heal the divisions holding us apart, especially at your table. Unite us in our common mission to be your servants in the world. Hear us, O Lord.

▣ *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** For the earth: Sustain all living creatures with seasonable weather and suitable environments. Protect fragile habitats from harm. Bless farmers, ranchers, and gardeners whose labors bring food to our tables. Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** For the nations: Lead all in authority to work for peace and justice. Bring an end to oppression. Heal nations and communities torn apart by violence and fear. Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** For those in need: Fill the tables of the hungry. Comfort those who know the pain of betrayal, and all who suffer from grief or illness. Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** For this assembly: Bless those who guide us in worship and those who lead us into the world to serve in your name. Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** Gracious God, hear the individual prayers we lift up to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts:

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life in you. Hear us, O Lord.

**C** (*sung*) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering of Gifts and Music**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Offering Song**

*Come to the Table*

**ELW 481** (red book)

### **Offertory Prayer**

**P** Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

**C** **As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

**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.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

☐ We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

☑ **Our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.**

☐ He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

*Our Lord Jesus, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

☑ **Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.**

☐ Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church,

☑ **both now and forever. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

☐ Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

*Sit*

### **Communion at Grace**

**Prayer after Communion**

☞ 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. Amen.**

*At this time the table is divested of all of its vestments until the Easter Vigil.*

**Divesting Psalm 22** (*Read together by the congregation.*)

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*The congregation exits in silence.*