

# Maundy Thursday

7:00

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***“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”***

Prelude

Gary Ritter

## INTRODUCTION

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ’s last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to 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 sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***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 heart; 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.***

P: 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.**

Song

*"Now the Silence"*

Number 460

Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted;  
Now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father's arms in welcome;  
Now the hearing, now the pow'r, now the vessel brimmed for pouring;  
Now the body, now the blood, now the joyful celebration;  
Now the wedding, now the songs, now the heart forgiven leaping;  
Now the Spirit's visitation, now the Son's epiphany,  
Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, source of all love,

C: ***on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

## WORD

### Bible Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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>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 God, word of life.

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

### Psalm Reading

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given hear to me whenever I called. <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. <sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 God, word of life.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

### Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscar'iot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel round himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

vs. 1, 2, 4 Number 485

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

*Refrain*

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever."

*Refrain*

4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

The Prayers

P: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*

P: You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all

life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression especially, those we remember in our hearts. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Your mercy is great.***

P: Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

*Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.*

*"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*

Johann Franck, Johann Cröger

## Prayer of Preparation

P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

## Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

P: Lord Jesus,

C: ***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.***

## Stripping of the Altar

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Number 759

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

*There is no benediction. We close in silence.*

*Our thanks to this evening's musicians:* Gary Ritter, Patricia Hagensen and Judy Swanson

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