



## **Maundy Thursday – April 9, 2020**

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## Maundy Thursday

### **What is happening tonight?**

The Maundy Thursday service is one of endings and beginnings. What was begun on Ash Wednesday is brought to a close here this evening. What begins tonight does not end until the resurrection of Easter. It is the ancient Triduum, "The Three Sacred Days," which lead us to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The theme is love, our Savior's love for us, expressed in the washing of the disciples' feet, in giving himself in bread and wine, in dying upon the cross. An invitation to confession is given. The focus is on forgiveness. The lessons of love are read. The prayers are said. The table is made ready. The time of the Lord's Supper arrives, and our Lord is revealed in bread and wine as once he "revealed himself to his disciples." It is a solemn moment, but we cannot linger here. Nor could the Lord. His betrayal was imminent. Before we know it, the markings of betrayal are seen before us. The symbol of Christ in our midst, the altar, is stripped bare. Christ is stripped of his power and glory. Good Friday is inescapable. The powers of darkness work upon him. In silence, we depart without benediction. The Three Sacred Days continue with the Good Friday service tomorrow at 10:30 am.

# Order of Service

## Processional Hymn: When You Woke That Thursday Morning

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- 1        When You woke that Thursday morning,  
          Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
          Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
          Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages:  
          You assumed their dreadful sum.
  
- 2        Never so alone and lonely,  
          Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
          For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
          One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
          Washing Your disciples' feet.
  
- 3        What was there that You could give them  
          That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
          What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me,  
          Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
          Eat this body, drink this blood."
  
- 4        One in faith, in love united,  
          All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
          You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
          In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
          One in ev'ry place and time.
  
- 5        One day all the Church will capture  
          That bright vision glorious,

And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Confessional Address

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 are 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 neighbour, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

### Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?  
C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

## Introit

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.

## Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

<sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve

tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\*  
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;\*

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

## Epistle

1 Corinth

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

<sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Night: O Lord, We Praise Thee

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- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## Holy Gospel

John 1

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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 back to

God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <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 wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



### Liturgy of Footwashing

P Where charity and love are found, there is God.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus says, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

C **Where charity and love are found, there is God.**

*Wash another's feet and have your feet washed by another, saying:*

Washer: Where charity and love are found, there is God.

Recipient: **Amen.**

*When washing is complete:*

P Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another

C **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

### Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;

Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.

### **Sermon: "A Servant for the Wounded"**

#### **Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn: Jesus Greatest at the Table**

- 1        Jesus, greatest at the table,  
          The almighty Son of Man,  
          Laid aside His outer clothing,  
          Poured some water in a pan;  
          As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,  
          He the servant's task began.
  
- 2        Marvel how their Lord and teacher  
          Gently taught them not to vie  
          As He humbly knelt before them,  
          Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
          By His tender touch expressing  
          True compassion from on high.
  
- 3        Jesus took the role of servant  
          When upon that gruesome span,  
          For all human sin He suffered  
          As a vile and loathsome man;  
          On the cross poured out like water  
          To fulfill the Father's plan.
  
- 4        Can we fathom such deep mercy?  
          Do we see what God has done?  
          Who can grasp this great reversal:  
          Love that gives His only Son?  
          Christ, the sinless for the sinners,  
          For the many dies the One.
  
- 5        Jesus gave to His disciples  
          A commandment that was new:  
          "Show My love to one another,  
          Do as I have done for you;

All the world will know you love Me  
As you love each other too.”

## **Prayers**

### **Psalm 22 and the Stripping of the Altar**

*When Psalm 22 is completed there is only silence.*

*There is no benediction this evening. The service continues with the Good Friday liturgy tomorrow at 10:30am. Be still and pray as long as you wish.*

