



*“Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet”*

*John 13:5*

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## Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 -7 PM

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# THE TRIDUUM

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life.

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Tonight's liturgy concludes with the stripping of the chancel and altar. This action symbolizes the transition from the celebration at the Lord's Table to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The worship space is removed of the decorations and left bare, just as Jesus was left bare on the cross to die.

# Maundy Thursday

*(The congregation gathers in quiet meditation.)*

\*HYMN

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You"

#600

Pastor sings verse 1

Congregation sings verses 2-4



1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.  
2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.  
3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.  
4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.  
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.  
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.  
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace  
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from  
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,  
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.  
the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.  
your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.  
tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

\*READING Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Handbell Trio

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Confession p. 258 (*in front of hymnal*)

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 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.**

Forgiveness p. 259 (*in front of hymnal*)

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.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive an individual word of forgiveness  
as a pastor lays hands on you. Please come as you are able.*

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. 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.**

\*READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL John 13:2b-5,12-15,34-25

The Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 around 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...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...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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*HYMN

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

**#474**

*Refrain*



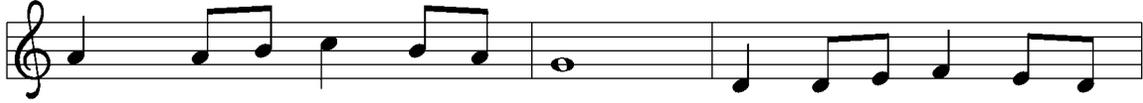
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



*Refrain*

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

**\*PRAYERS**

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.  
**Amen.**

\*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER p. 112 (*in front of hymnal*)

**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.**

\*COMMUNION INVITATION

Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

*Tonight some of our young people are celebrating their First Communion. We rejoice with them in this milestone of faith!*

## THE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL AND ALTAR

*Psalm 22 is read as the adornments in the chancel and altar are removed. When the psalm is finished the congregation departs in silence. The service of Triduum or Three Days continues on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.*

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