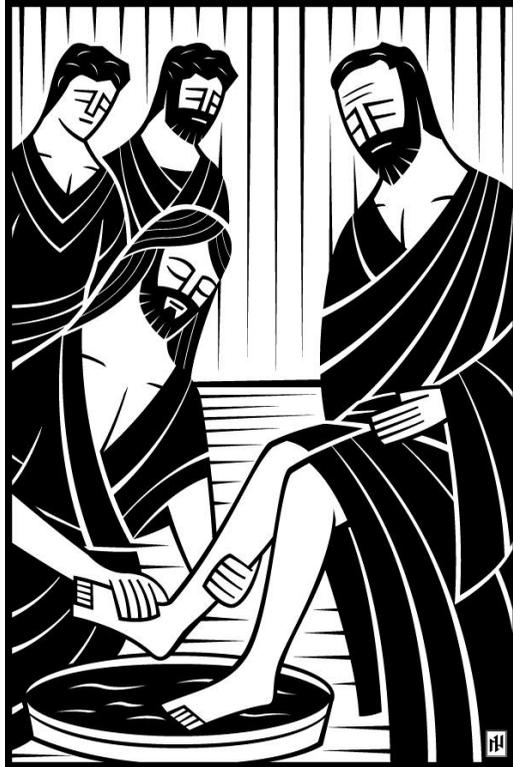


✝ MAUNDY THURSDAY ✝

April 9, 2020



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TRIDUUM

THE THREE HOLY DAYS

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom, called the *Triduum* (Latin for “three days,” referring to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The Triduum services are closely connected, and considered a single service that extends over the course of this three day period. On these days we focus on Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection – the chief events of Christ’s life, and the foundation of our saving faith.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We begin our journey through the Triduum with Maundy Thursday. The name for tonight’s service comes from the “new command” (in Latin: *novum mandatum*) of Jesus that his disciples “love one another.”

On the first Maundy Thursday night – the night Jesus was betrayed – our Lord gathered with his disciples to prepare them for his imminent suffering, death, and resurrection. It was at this upper room gathering, that Jesus washed his apostles’ feet, giving them and all believers the command of love that replaces self with neighbor.

On this same night Jesus also changed the Passover meal forever with his words, “This is my body...this is my blood.” Jesus now gives Christians the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which he comes to meet us with his heavenly forgiveness. The institution of the Lord’s Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus’ love and gives power to the Church to live out his command to love.

After gathering with his disciples to celebrate the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed and would later be arrested. During his midnight trials, Christ’s Passover predictions of Peter’s denial came true, and he was ultimately sentenced to death. Maundy Thursday is therefore a mixed bag of emotions for Christians. Christ’s passion was becoming unbearable on this night. Yet, it is on this night when he gave us the greatest gift, himself!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday - April 9, 2020



Let us love one another, as Christ Jesus has loved us

The first Passover, which was to be remembered from generation to generation, was a shadow of promised salvation from eternal death through the sacrifice of the coming Lamb of God. By giving his body and blood on the cross, Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God – brings the forgiveness of sins to all who believe.

As disciples of Jesus, we recline at the table with him to eat and drink in peace. The apostles, who received the New Testament in his body blood “on the night when he was betrayed,” delivered the same to his Church, which we also now receive in remembrance of him and for the forgiveness of our sins. In the Lord’s Supper, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more. As he thus feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as he has loved us.

✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

Personal Prayer before Worship

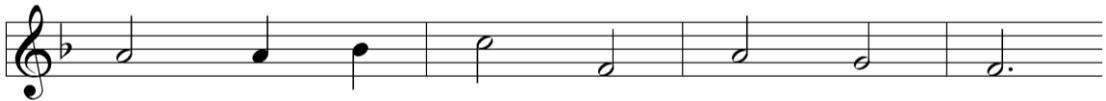
O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN 136 “Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night”



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
3 “This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
4 “Do this,” he said, “till time shall end,
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food.”
In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
What love through all his ac - tions ran!
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
" 'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

SERMON

John 13:1-15,34

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

** Silence for repentant meditation.*

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another, and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Peace be with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us

so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

FIRST LESSON

[Exodus 12:1-14](#)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116

** The psalm will be chanted by the cantora.*

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;
when I was in great need, he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

SECOND LESSON [1 Corinthians 11:23-28](#)

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY [1 Corinthians 11:26](#)

GOSPEL OF THE DAY [John 13:1-15,34](#)

** The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

M: The Holy Gospel for Maundy Thursday, according to St. John, chapter thirteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

** After the reading of the Gospel:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third

day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 313 vv 1-2,6-8 *“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
bread And with the wine the blood he shed.

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest
And at his banquet ever blest.

THE GREAT LITANY

The Great Litany has its roots in the 6th century AD. This ancient prayer was treasured by Martin Luther and the reformers. The various petitions draw the focus away from us and towards God and others. The foundation of the prayer is God's Word, which tells us that he came to have mercy.

Prayer of Approach to God

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth.

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

Prayer for Deliverance

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

C: **Spare us, good Lord.**

M: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God,

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for the Church

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for Our Country

M: Rule the hearts of your servant, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of the truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for All People

M: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayer

M: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

C: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Grant us peace.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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.

M: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

PREFACES

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

**C: O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

** After distribution, the Communion vessels will be removed in preparation for the stripping of the altar.*

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.**

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

**M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
C: And his mercy endures forever.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

** The candles, bookstand, linens, paraments, and altar cross will be solemnly removed from the altar. The pastor will exit in silence.*

The stripping of the altar is done in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday. Since the Christian altar symbolizes Christ, we also recall how Christ's body was stripped of its pure seamless undergarment on Good Friday. These garments were divided among the Roman soldiers just as prophesied in Psalm 22.

As we begin to meditate upon our Lord's Passion, the church is emptied of its ornamental beauty and darkened. It will remain so until Saturday when the church will be decorated for our Easter Services.

After the stripping of the altar, the lights will be dimmed. Please remain silent.

PSALM 88

* *The psalm will be chanted by the cantora.*

- ¹ O LORD, the God who saves me,
day and night I cry out before you.
- ² May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.
- ³ For my soul is full of trouble
and my life draws near the grave.
- ⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like a man without strength.
- ⁵ I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.
- ⁶ You have put me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.
- ⁷ Your wrath lies heavily upon me;
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
- ⁸ You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;
- ⁹ my eyes are dim with grief.
I call to you, O LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.
- ¹⁰ Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?
- ¹¹ Is your love declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in Destruction?
- ¹² Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
- ¹³ But I cry to you for help, O LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- ¹⁴ Why, O LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me?
- ¹⁵ From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death;
I have suffered your terrors and am in despair.
- ¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.

- ¹⁷ All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.
- ¹⁸ You have taken my companions and loved ones from me;
the darkness is my closest friend.



The service concludes with no blessing since Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter are considered one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

Personal Prayer after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: Lois Buske for serving as cantora; Peter Hermanson for serving as Holy Communion assistant and playing the music; Ana Johnston and Ben Leyrer for recording the video of the service; and Isaiah Johnston for serving as usher.

Offering: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

About the Propers, a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, is posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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