

Maundy Thursday- April 1, 2021



The last time Jesus had the opportunity to dine with his closest friends was at the Passover meal in Jerusalem. At that supper, he instituted a meal for his disciples to remember him by and gave the future church the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This meal binds Christians together from all places and times and is the means of God's grace for all who believe. Jesus is truly present with us at the table.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In tonight's worship, we find ourselves with Jesus as he spends his last night with his disciples. Jesus prepares his disciples for his looming death and teaches them one more lesson on loving service by washing their feet. We join him at the Communion table tonight and close the service with the Stripping of the Altar which symbolizes Jesus's humiliation throughout the whole of his arrest and sentencing culminating in the stripping of his clothes when crucified.
- ◆ Please be our guests tomorrow as we contemplate Christ's saving work on our behalf at the 7pm Good Friday service.

MUSICAL PRELUDE - MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

MESSAGE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us stand and make confession to God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to live a godly life. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN "JESUS, GREATEST AT THE TABLE" (Tune #549: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, Sung)

**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.**

**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.**

**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**

**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.**

**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."**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken)

P: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them.

C: By your Holy Spirit write this new commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING — EXODUS 24:3-11 *(Sit)*

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ 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. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ 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." ⁸ 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."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

SECOND READING — 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35 *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. John chapter 13. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ 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. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ 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, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ 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." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹ Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

FOOT WASHING *(Sit)*

(The washing of feet is symbolic of our Lord's Servanthood and New Commandment to love one another as he has loved us.)

HYMN "WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL" *(LBW #126, Sung)*

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

**With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined, In him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be his our only peace.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.**

**We now forgive each other's faults As we our own confess,
That we may love each other well In Christian gentleness.**

PRAYERS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: On this night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you showed your love to your disciples by washing their feet;

C: We thank you for a love so great that it offers service where none is due.

P: By washing their feet, though Teacher and Lord, you taught us how we must serve one another.

C: Help us to see that it is the light of your servant love within us that shines most brightly for you.

P: As the world's True Servant, you gave your life into death for us.

C: Help us to humbly receive by faith your sacrificial gift.

P: Call us by your love, O Lord, into the embrace of our heavenly Father.

C: Help us to rest our souls in the God of our salvation.

P: Renew our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit for loving service and use us each day as you will.

C: We offer our lives to you blessed Jesus, for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit as One God, now and forever. Amen

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

C: Merciful God, for all your benefits that sustain us in body and soul, we offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and glorify your name in the presence of all your people. Amen

THANKSGIVING & SANCTUS *(Spoken)*

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. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and for our good benefit that we should at all times offer our thanks to you, O holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this night did wash the feet of his disciples, giving us a picture of true servanthood so that we may learn to serve one another in love. Therefore, with the whole church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

THE PEACE *(Spoken)*

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

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION *(Taizes are sung during the distribution of the Supper and may be found on back of bulletin.)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Stripping of the Altar

(The stripping of the altar symbolizes Jesus's humiliation throughout the whole of his arrest and sentencing culminating in the stripping of his clothes when crucified (Matthew 27:35). During the stripping of the Altar, the congregation sings "Go to Dark Gethsemane".)

HYMN "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE" (LBW #109)

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet, Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay; All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away? Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

Please maintain a prayerful mood by leaving the worship service and church building in silence as you make your way to your vehicles.

Good Friday Service starts at 7pm.

TAIZES

"JESUS, REMEMBER ME"

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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"LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING"

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

"EAT THIS BREAD"

**"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."**

"O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER"

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

