

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022

(Thursday of the *Mandatum*, Latin for “commandment”)



With nightfall and the beginning of this service, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus’ life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus’ Passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ - our salvation, our life, our resurrection.

On this night we hear Jesus’ new commandment (*mandatum*) to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, especially for the poor and the unloved.

We gather around the Lord’s Table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus’ life. His love was revealed in the emptying of his life for us. We share the holy meal, inspiring us to become what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.

We depart in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

It Happened on That Fateful Night

It happened on that fateful night
when powers of earth and hell arose
against God's Son, our God's delight,
and friends betrayed him to his foes.

Before the bitter scene began,
he took the bread, and blest and broke.
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of love he spoke!

-Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved people of God:
This is the day
when Christ, our Passover Lamb,
surrendered himself to those who would kill him,
setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day
when Christ, our Teacher and Lord,
knelt down to wash the disciples' feet,
showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day
when Christ, the bread of heaven,
shared a holy meal with his disciples,
offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN 202 | STANDING

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

PRAYER OF THE DAY | STANDING

Holy God,
as we gather around this table
focus our attention and gather us into worship
with ears prepared to hear,
minds prepared to learn,
hands prepared to receive,
and hearts prepared to love,
even to the point of breaking.
Draw us closer to you,
and closer to one another,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Passover and peace.
Amen.

LISTENING

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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, 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.” 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116



1. What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e -
2. Sal - va - tion's cup of bless - ing now I take and call up -
3. With - in this house, the house of prayer, I ded - i - cate my -



fits to me? How shall my life, by grace re -
on God's name. Be - fore God's saints I pay my
self to God. Let all the saints God's grace de -



stored, give wor - thy thanks, O Lord, to thee?
vow and here my grat - i - tude pro - claim.
clare and join to sound God's praise a - broad.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:3-15

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. 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....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.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN 727 | STANDING

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this night, when betrayal and salvation are in the air,
we offer our prayers for the world God loves,
the Church God calls,
and all people according to their needs.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus' suffering,
help us also remember your promise that you are present
in the middle of our betrayals, our brokenness, our emptiness.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus' gift of himself in Communion,
help us also remember your presence
in the hungry, the sick, the stranger, the outcast.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Peter's denials and our own betrayals,
help us also remember your faithfulness and forgiveness.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus self-giving love for us,
help us remember your love for all of your creation.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember the covenant you have made with your people,
help us remember that we are sent to all people.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember the story of our salvation,
help us remember those who are need of healing and wholeness this evening.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God of our salvation,
we trust that you hear our prayers,
not because they are pure,
but because you are pure;
not because we are holy,
but because you are holy.
Help us live your promise, in the name of Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Exodus 12:14; 1 Cor. 11:26

The Lord said to Moses: this shall be a day of remembrance for you,
you shall celebrate it as a festival of the Lord.

Paul says to the Church: as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The congregation stands as the hymn begins.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, O God,
for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.

You watch us waking or sleeping,
you keep every tear that we shed,
you hear every prayer we make,
you know both our best and our worst,
and you will not let us go.

When we had wandered from your path,
you sent Jesus, your Son, to show us the way back to you.

Blessed is Jesus...

**who was born among us as a stranger,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven
through the back streets of this world,
who told the deepest truths in ordinary language,
who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed
without fear or favor,
who, for all this, was crucified, died, and was buried,
who, for all this and for all of us, rose again;
who, though in heaven,
is present with us
here and now.**

Holy God,
as we now do what Jesus once did,
let your Spirit move among us
to settle on this bread and this wine
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.
Let that same Holy Spirit stir our souls
so that as we share this sacrament,
we may recognize our Lord and receive him
that he may be in us and we in him forever.

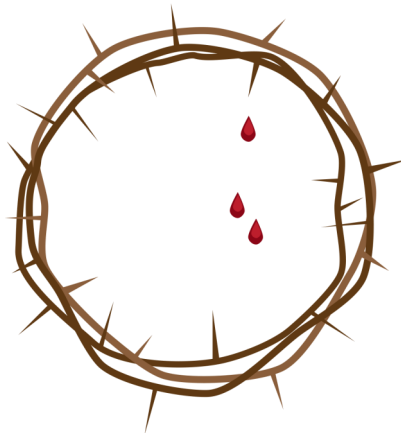
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
**on this night Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment:
to love one another as he loved them.**
**Write this commandment on our hearts,
and strengthen us in service, in unity and in love for Christ's sake.**
Amen.



JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:30, 36-46

After singing the Passover hymn, Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

ORGAN MEDITATION

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown!
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Be near when I am dying,
oh, show thy cross to me,
and for my rescue, flying,
come, Lord, and set me free!
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from Jesus shall not move,
for one who dies believing
dies safely, through thy love.

-Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

PRIVATE PRAYER

*There is no formal conclusion or benediction on Maundy Thursday
since the service continues tomorrow at 12 noon*

When you leave this evening, please do so quietly.

*We now enter into a time of intense prayer as we make our journey
from the table to the garden to the cross and, ultimately, to the empty grave.*



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