

O! what joy to be with Christ Jesus,  
hear his voice, O! sheer delight,  
and receive his servant care,  
all before the coming night.



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6, 2023

(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

## PRELUDE

## CHORAL INTROIT

John 13:1

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

## CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

Psalms 116:12-14

What can we give back to God  
for all God's graciousness to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on God's name.**

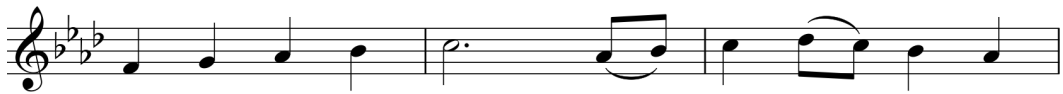
**We will keep the promises we've made to God  
in the presence of all God's people.**

## HYMN | STANDING

I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for -  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by



giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus  
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,  
seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship  
all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to



to re - call, in love laid down for me.  
ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.  
bet - ter known, a live a - mong us here.  
give the world the love that makes us one.

## GATHERING PRAYER | STANDING

It was the beginning of hope  
on that night long ago,  
Liberating God,  
as you prepared to lead  
your people to freedom.  
As they readied themselves,  
you fed them  
with your unblemished grace,  
so all sin, pain, and bitterness  
could be set down and left behind  
when it was time  
to follow you.

**It was the beginning of salvation  
on that night long ago,  
Servant Lord,  
as you prepared your disciples  
for all the things which were to happen.  
You humbled yourself  
by washing their feet,  
so they could follow you  
in service and love  
to a world which would reject you  
and hang you on a cross.**

We tell these stories once again  
on this night of remembrance,  
Holy Spirit.  
Here is the Bread  
which gives us life;  
here is the Cup  
which quenches our thirst for justice;  
here is the towel  
with which we wipe the tears

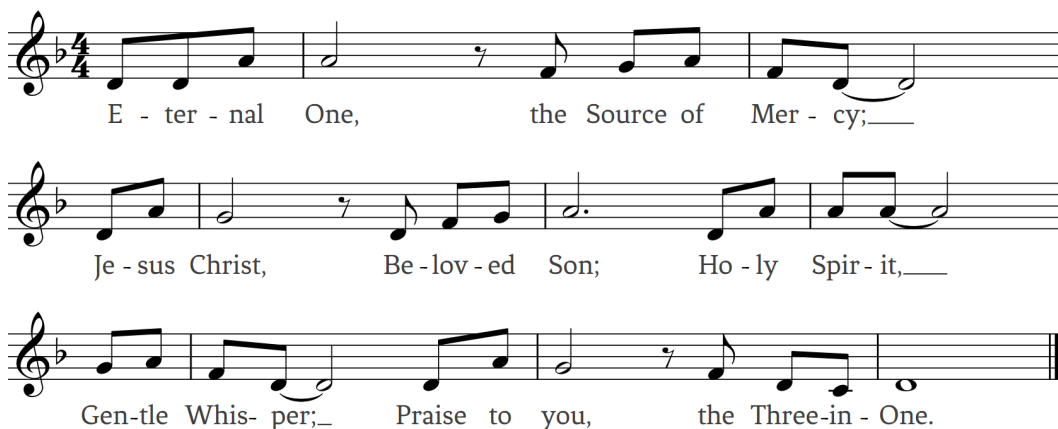


of the broken-hearted;  
here is the basin  
which cleanses the stains  
of the world.

**Prepare us for our journey of discipleship,  
God-in-Community, Holy-in-One.  
Amen.**

**RESPONSE** | STANDING

Eternal One



E - ter - nal One, the Source of Mer - cy;\_\_\_

Je - sus Christ, Be - lov - ed Son; Ho - ly Spir - it,\_\_\_

Gen - tle Whis - per;\_ Praise to you, the Three - in - One.

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,  
you have given us a new commandment:  
to love and serve one another in Jesus' name.  
Let the good news of your love  
be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## 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.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

A New Commandment

Do this to remember the time is growing near,  
when I give myself, so all may have life.

Do this to remember.

Take, eat this bread: This is my body.

Drink from this cup of wine: This is my blood.

My body will be broken and my blood shed for you.

Do this to remember me.

A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Do this to remember me.

## 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

## SOLO

When Twilight Comes

When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night’s rest.  
As her brood shelters under her wings she gives the love God to her nest.  
Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long;  
so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow’s song.

One day the Rabbi Lord Jesus called the twelve to share his last meal.  
As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal.  
Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight,  
and receive his servant care; all before the coming night.

So gather ‘round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun’s gold,  
and recount all our frail human hopes; the dreams of young and stories of old.  
Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family,  
by a mother’s love embraced in the blessed Trinity.

## 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.**

# TABLE

## 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.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

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.**

Eternal God,

it is right to give our thanks and praise,  
for your love marks the expanse of creation,  
your justice stretches out into the farthest land,  
and your peace makes all things complete.

You are worthy of praise.

Yet we fall short.

We have stepped away from your love.

We have ignored your call for justice.

We have sowed conflict rather than peace.

Yet you know no boundaries.

Nothing we say or do can keep you away from us.

Even amidst all our brokenness, you kept calling us back,  
with prophets and messengers to guide us in your ways.

And in the fullness of time, you sent your own son, Jesus,  
to intervene in our world,

to call us to know your love,  
to show us that we are worthy to bring you praise.  
And so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages,  
singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is wondrous, almighty God.  
In him you stepped into our world;  
in him you taught us how to live in harmony with one another;  
in him you healed and made whole;  
in him you challenged us to journey a new road together.  
In his death, you took on the fullness of our pain and suffering,  
and in his resurrection, you showed us that death will never have the final word.  
So just as he did with his disciples on the night of his arrest,  
so we too gather,  
sharing a meal,  
receiving the bread of his body,  
welcoming the cup of his salvation,  
and trusting that we too will be made whole.  
And so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

And so gather us with those millions, loving Lord.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one another,  
united in faith, hope, and love with all those who share this feast  
as we reach out and serve the world with your grace, mercy, and hope  
until your kingdom comes  
and we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace,  
we give you thanks  
for the feast of redemption we have shared  
in the body and blood of our Savior.  
As you have nourished us with your love,  
let our lives proclaim your great love for the world.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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.”

## **STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY**

Keep Watch

### **PRIVATE PRAYER**

*There is no formal conclusion or benediction on Maundy Thursday since the service continues tomorrow at 7pm.*

*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.*

# HOLY WEEK

April 2-9



## MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6 @ 7PM

- Remember the Last Supper of Jesus with music and holy communion around the Table of the Lord

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7 @ 7PM

- Ponder the crucifixion of Jesus with prayer and music around the Cross of Christ

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9 @ 10AM

- Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with a festival worship service
- Rejoice with choral music, baptismal waters, and holy communion
- Easter reception and egg hunt following worship
- Children remain in worship with their families

## COVER ART

### HANNAH PICKERING, ARTIST

This piece is part of a special collection of artwork created in 2017 to celebrate Holy Week. Each painting features abstract textures, geometric shapes, and botanical elements to symbolically tell the story of the day it represents.

Information about Hannah can be seen at [www.hannahpickeringart.com](http://www.hannahpickeringart.com)



## SERVING TODAY

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Nancy Holly

Greeters: Blake Waterston

Lectors: Kendal Reis, Sherri Lewis

Prayer Leader: Kendal Reis

Musicians: Warren Oja, Bryan Wlas,  
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