



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020 at 7:30pm



WELCOME!

Thank you for participating in our virtual worship.
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*On this day, we remember Jesus's self-giving act of washing his disciples' feet.
You may wish to have a bowl of water and towel available
so you can participate in that part of the service at home.*

Opening Sentences

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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 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.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- ¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?
- ¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- ¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- ¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.
- ¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- ¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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. 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. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

Invitation to Foot Washing

Presider Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service, and he commanded them to follow his example by washing one another's feet. Therefore I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to wash each other's feet. If you are alone tonight, as I am, I invite you to wash your own feet, offering to yourself the tender care and attention that you would give to another, and that Jesus wants to share with you.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Prayers of the People

United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Give our bishops and all our clergy faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism.

Hear us, holy God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into care-givers of your plants and animals.

Hear us, bountiful God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.

Hear us, sovereign God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization.

Hear us, faithful God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...

Hear us, gracious God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

Hear us, loving God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith. At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory.

Hear us, eternal God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever.

Amen.

Stripping of the Altars

PSALM 88

- 1 O Lord, my | God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For I am | full of trouble;
my life is at the brink of the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;
- 5 lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6 You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- 7 Your anger weighs up- on me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- 8 You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them;
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- 9 My sight has failed me because of trouble;
Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
- 11 Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 12 Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
- 13 But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- 14 Lord, why have you rejected me?
Why have you hidden your face from me?
- 15 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.
- 16 Your blazing anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me;
- 17 they surround me all day long like a flood;
they encompass me on every side.
- 18 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.

The Three Days continue tomorrow with the service for Good Friday.