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Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

We welcome you and are pleased you are participating in our Service of Word and Sacrament this evening as we celebrate **Maundy Thursday**. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us. **If you are a visitor**, please complete a "Visitor's Card" from a pew rack and then place it in the offering.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Heavenly Father, we pray that we may truly confess our sins before You, and that the sacrifice of Christ may cleanse us from all sin. Amen.

PRELUDE*"Prelude in B Minor"**Bach*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERMON

The Instruction

***CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: Let us 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 proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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.

SHARING THE PEACE**HYMN***"O Living Bread from Heaven"**LBW 197*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. By Your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

A The First Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then 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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 116:1, 10–17

¹ I love the LORD, because He has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**¹⁰How 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.

**¹²I 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.

**¹⁴O 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.

**¹⁶I 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

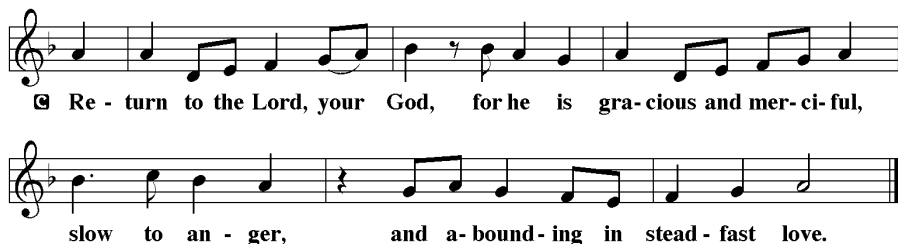
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Corinthians

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A Here ends the reading.

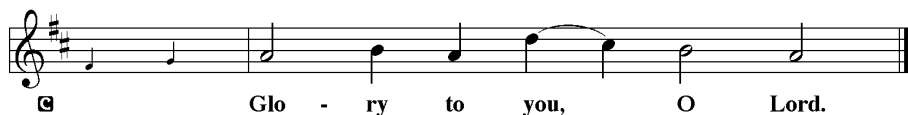
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*THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

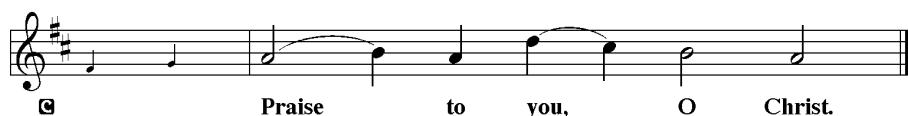


Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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 When he had gone out, 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 Our Lord



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"* **LBW 226**

***THE PRAYERS**

A For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Most holy Jesus, for the gift of yourself, we thank you. For your Body and Blood as sustenance for our journey through this death-shadowed world, for your self-giving love that forgives – and empowers us to love and forgive one another, we thank you. LORD In Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions are offered.

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C **Amen**

***OFFERTORY**

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **A** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **A** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

P We give You thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, whom You sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us Your will. He is Your Word, inseparable from You. Through Him You created all things, and in Him you take delight. He is Your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is He, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all Your will and won for You a holy people; He stretched out His hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust You. It is He who, handed over to a death He freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish His covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to You, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, His death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before You, giving You thanks that You have made us worthy to stand before You and to serve You as Your priestly people.

And we ask You:

Send Your Spirit upon these gifts of Your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with Your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify You through Your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Him all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

***COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Please inform Pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus, Remember Me"

WOV 740

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, unto eternal life.

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament You have left us a memorial of Your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of Your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption You have brought; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

***HYMN**

"In the Hour of Trial"

LBW 106

PSALM 22

Stripping of the Altar

You may remain for a time of silent meditation

Following the singing of the closing hymn, the Altar and Chancel area will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This is done publicly to remind us that it was after the Last Supper on the first Holy Thursday that Christ was betrayed, taken prisoner, and tried. You are invited to remain for a time of silent meditation and prayer.

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*How is Jesus working in your life today?
Who is Jesus sending across your path for you to
"wash their feet" in His Name this day?*

The service continues tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m., with the Tenebrae Service: The Passion narrative according to St. John, using the symbolic power of light and darkness. Please join us for a most moving and meaningful service consisting of music, lessons, prayers, light and the cross.

On Sunday, April 9th, we will celebrate the **Festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ** at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to attend our joyful Easter celebration!



THE TRIDUUM

Thursday 4/6	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday: Communion
Friday 4/7	12:00 p.m.	KMA Worship @ St. John's
	7:00 p.m.	Worship: Tenebrae service
Saturday 4/8	6:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/9	11:00 a.m.	Festival Worship with Brass Ensemble

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