

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1ST, 2021

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment." It is taken from Jesus' words to his disciples in John 13:34: "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."

Tonight, we recall one of those ways Jesus loved his disciples—sacrificial service in the washing of their feet. It's a different approach to what is historically an evening of remembrance of the last supper, but it's an important approach. It lays the foundation for his gift in Holy Communion, his Table of

Grace and Belonging. Welcome to all who worship this evening.

PRELUDE

*"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" by Johann Gottfried Walther
Joan Krause*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Tom

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life, and resurrection. The Lord is near to those who call on Him.

C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P God's people, the Israelites, celebrated Passover for the first time on this day when the angel of death punished the Egyptians and Pharaoh; Pharaoh was guilty of placing himself above God. After this, the Israelites were set free. On this day when Jesus was betrayed, He celebrated this same Passover meal with His disciples. It was on this night, that our Lord would begin His march to the cross to die for the sins of the world. We are the sinners for whom Jesus died, as Romans 6:23 reminds us:

C "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Heavenly Father, we confess that our sins make us worthy of death. There are times when we place our desires above You, O Lord. There are times when we mistreat or betray others and times when we fail to step in when others are being betrayed or mistreated. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P Now may the God of peace Himself as He forgives you all your sins, sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Approach Him in + peace.
(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN*"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*

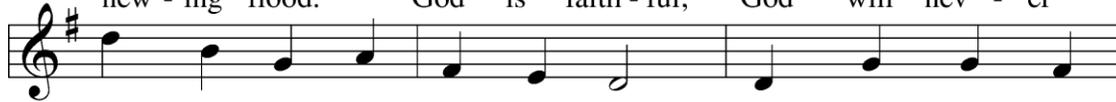
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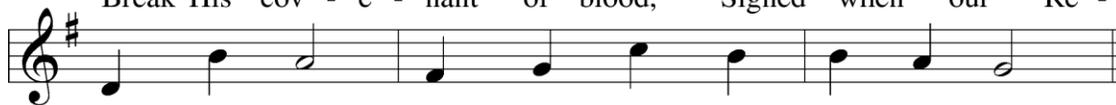
1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

FIRST READING*The Covenant Affirmed*

Exodus 24:3-11

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

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⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

R This is the Word of Our Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

"I will..."

Psalm 116:12-19

P ¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

**C ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

P ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**C ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful servants.**

P ¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, LORD;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.

**C ¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.**

P ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

**C ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.**

All Praise the LORD!

R This is the Word of Our Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MUSIC OFFERING

"Come to the Table"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, Mark Heil

MESSAGE

Sovereign Servanthood

John 13

Pastor Tom

For Thought and Consideration

"Humility is the only soil in which the graces root. The lack of humility is the sufficient explanation of every defect and failure." –Andrew Murray in his book, "Humility" (1895).

Write down the ways in which Christ's humility has made a lasting impression on you, both spiritually and in your own words and actions. If you could describe Jesus' humble nature to someone, what words would you use to do so? Who is the Lord calling you to humbly serve?

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: who for us, too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried: the third day he rose according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, Christian, and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**People: O Lord God, what shall we render to You for all Your benefits toward us?
As we lift up the cup of salvation, we offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon Your name.**

Pastor: O Lord, in the midst of the solemnities of this Holy Week, we rejoice and give thanks for the blessed sacrament of salvation. In Your mercy, You give us the very body and blood of Your only-begotten Son, in this bread and wine, to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins, for life and salvation.

People: You have graciously invited us to be guests at Your table. As did the children of Israel in the days of Moses, we eat and drink and we see God. We come before You, trusting in Your mercy and pleading for Your grace, that the blood of Jesus Christ may cleanse and wash us of all our offenses.

Pastor: Strengthen Your Church that, as we are nourished by the true manna from heaven, we may be found faithful in doctrine and practice.

People: Give to our nation and all the nations of the world peace and pious leaders who govern with wisdom and honor.

Pastor: Grant, O Lord, Your mercy, blessing, and peace to those in the distress of sin and guilt, to those in the pains of illness, to those in the shame of conscience, the ache of sorrow, the loneliness of separation, and the fear and sting of death.

People: Send Your holy angels to minister to us in our times of need and helplessness. Be present for the sick and the homebound, especially those who depend on the care of others.

Pastor: Now, at Your holy table, grant us the promised blessing of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation for both body and soul. We long for the day when we shall drink with You in Your Kingdom.

People: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

PREFACE

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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C **His mercy endures forever.**

P Almighty God, who has given Your Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive His enormous gift, and follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC MINISTRY

"Come as You Are"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, Mark Heil

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

"Not all the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 431

**Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.**