

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**



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Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Announcements

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

God has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious
and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant
forever.**

My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh
and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

Opening Hymn “It Happened on That Fateful Night” LBW #127

Stand

Confession

L With humble and repentant hearts, let us confess our sins unto God our
Father.

**C Lord, you shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life.
My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply
come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent
about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into
causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I
don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I
need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack
of self-control and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good
gift of daily bread.**

L God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures,
and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly
to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own mouth:
Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure.

Amen.

Sit First Reading**Exodus 24:3-11**

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

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, 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." In the same way also he took the cup, 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. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Stand Gospel**John 13:1-35**

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. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 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." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 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. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 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.' 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit Sermon **"Amazing Grace for the Servant"**

Stand

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on our fallen humanity, revealing to us your holy will and sending your only Son to fulfill it in our stead. With repentant joy we receive the gracious salvation you provide through the sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross.

Strengthen us as we gather in remembrance of Jesus grant us to grow in faith and love; and gather us together with all the faithful to rejoice together around your throne in eternity. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

Amen

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**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**

P Come to his holy table with penitent hearts, seeking communion with our Lord.

The Distribution (Please follow directions of the ushers)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

P Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Pastor: After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours before our Lord was crucified. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

Christ's offered body and his shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this holy Mystery.

All: As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this holy Sacrament.

Communion vessels are removed.

Pastor: The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

All: When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

The altar cross is removed.

Pastor: The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

All: As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.

The missal stand and Altar Book are removed.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

All candles are extinguished and removed.

Pastor: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form.

All: As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The offerings are removed.

Pastor: The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

All: As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

*The altar cloths and paraments are removed.
After the Stripping of the Altar, the hymn is sung.*

HYMN #109 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

In silence the ministers and congregation leave their places and wait until they have left the nave to greet one another.

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Today recalls Jesus' last supper with his closest friends, during which he institutes what the church knows as the sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washes his disciples' feet and gives them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.

