

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM

INTRODUCTION

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

PRELUDE

"Ah, Dearest Jesus"

Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ *Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. (kneel or sit as able)*

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ *Most merciful God,*

☞ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen!**

☞ *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.*

☞ **Amen!**

***GREETING**

☞ *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

☞ **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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℣ In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℟ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

℟ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

℟ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

℣ Help, save, and defend us, O God.

℟ **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

℣ *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 the 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!**

ANTHEM

"You Are The Bread"
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They 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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

L *The word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L *The word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God!**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

***GOSPEL**

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

P *The holy gospel according to _____.*

G **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he

said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Roger Lenander

SERMON

"Jesus Washes My Feet"

Rev. Roger Lenander

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW 708

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYER SONG**

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

ELW 751

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As Jesus calls us to love one another, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church: Gather us together through your love. Heal the divisions holding us apart, especially at your table. Unite us in our common mission to be your servants in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth: Sustain all living creatures with seasonable weather and suitable environments. Protect fragile habitats from harm. Bless farmers, ranchers, and gardeners whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations: Lead all in authority to work for peace and justice. Bring an end to oppression. Heal nations and communities torn apart by violence and fear *especially* Syria. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need: Fill the tables of the hungry. Comfort those who know the pain of betrayal, and all who suffer from grief or illness *especially* Verna, Dave, Trisha, Samantha, Bob, Sheylin, Terry, Stephanie, Dorothy, Linda, Scott, Alva. We also

pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*).. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly: Bless those who guide us in worship and those who lead us into the world to serve in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

***SHARING OF PEACE**

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **And also with you!**

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

☞ *God of glory,*

☞ **receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

***DIALOGUE**

☞ *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 our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

☞ *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P *You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.*

*You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.*

*We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.*

*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.*

*For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Q Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P *Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,*

*and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.*

*To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.*

☩ Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

***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 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!**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

COMMUNION

***BLESSING**

**☩ *The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.***

☩ Amen!

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

☩ *Lord Jesus,*

**☩ in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of
your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your
redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen!**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

***DISMISSAL**

☩ *Let us follow the way of the cross,*

☩ *trusting in the steadfast love of God. Amen!*

Depart in Silence