



March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.

This evening we recall the Last Supper, as Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

As a sign of His love, Jesus also humbled Himself and washed His disciples' feet and gave His disciples a new commandment: to love one another as He loved them.

The name "Maundy" comes from this mandate to love.

The pastor reads the words in plain font. Respond with the words in bold.

WELCOME

Stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN: **"What Wondrous Love Is This"** LBW #385

THE MANDATUM: John 13:1-35

¹Now 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.

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his ⁵waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped ⁶around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I 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.' ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him...

Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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."

Please be seated.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND INSTRUCTION

...In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continues with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we look forward to eating the bread and sharing the cup of this meal. For when we receive together the Lord's gift of himself, we participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SIN

We observe silence for reflection and repentance. You may kneel or remain seated.

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 Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us make confession to God.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

Those desiring individual absolution and laying on of hands may come forward.

The pastor will place hands on the heads of the penitents and proclaim:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **Amen.**

After individual absolution, return to your seat.

Stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord is with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together. **O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful Sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:3-11 ³Moses 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.” ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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.” ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:12-19 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

*The **men** begin and read even verses. The **women** read the odd verses.*

¹² **What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?**

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

¹⁴ ***I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.***

¹⁵ ***Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.***

¹⁶ ***O LORD, I am your servant;***

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ ***I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.***

¹⁸ ***I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,***

¹⁹ ***in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!***

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:12-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “A New Commandment” WOV #664

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray... Good and gracious God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to defeat sin, Satan, and death, once for all. To all who believe in Him, you give the power to become the children of God. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit and set us free to love as He has first loved us. On this Maundy Thursday, we remember our Lord’s mandate to love one another, and the gift of forgiveness in His body and blood, and so we pray, not as we ought, but as we are able:

For this and every nation of the world to turn to Christ and for health and salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in authority, that they may govern with humility, wisdom, and compassion.

Lord, have mercy.

For healthcare workers, first responders, teachers, and other public servants that they may serve in truth, patience, and love.

Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, other ministers of your gospel, and for your whole Church on earth to speak your Word boldly, even in the midst of challenging times.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit to be made whole and be at peace, especially those we lift to you now...

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have lost loved ones to hold fast in faith until they too shall see your face.

Lord, have mercy.

For healing and reconciliation of broken relationships, for enemies of your gospel, and for any others for whom your Holy Spirit moves us now to pray...

Lord, have mercy.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing as you are able and pray silently as the pastor prepares the Communion meal.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us now as you were present with your first disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p.70)

1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

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.

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may receive the Sacrament. We receive by intinction –dipping the bread into the wine.

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.
In gratitude for this gift, we individually respond by saying, "Amen."

ANTHEM: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Please stand as you are able after the elements are covered.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 72)

Let us pray together.

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. Amen.

SINGING OF PSALM 22 & THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The worship service ends, and we depart in silence.

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