

LEADERSHIP

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Maundy Thursday
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Reflection and Preparation

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the night Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper and on which he was betrayed. The name derives from the Latin *mandatum novum*, the “new commandment” that Jesus taught his disciples on the night in which he washed their feet, “Love one another, even as I have loved you.” Christians have observed Maundy Thursday for centuries as a vivid reminder of Christ’s self-giving love and his call to us to share in that love and to make it known in our lives.

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Rev. Jim Plunk

PASTOR: We remember this night as the night of our Lord’s betrayal. We remember this night as a dark night, yet one that led to the breaking of the dawn.

PEOPLE: **We remember this night as a night of deep sorrows, yet one that will give way to our deepest joy.** *Silent Prayer*

PASTOR: Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.”

ALL: **On this night, Jesus the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. On this night, Jesus yearned to be with his disciples in the upper room. On this night, Jesus took a towel and washed his disciples’ feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.**

PASTOR: On this night, Jesus our God gave us a holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and reign with him in the New Creation. Amen.

***Hymn** *Man of Sorrows! What A Name #246*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PASTOR: Let us pray:

ALL: Thanks be to you, my Lord Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

***Hymn of Sending** *What Wondrous Love Is This #261*

Final Reading *John 13:21-30 (846)*

Go in peace. As Christ loved you, so love one another.

COMMUNING WITH GOD

The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

PASTOR: Your Son Jesus came as a servant to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life. We praise you for inviting us to serve one another without pride, to forgive one another without pride, to forgive one another as we have been forgiven, and to feast at his table as members of one household. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying...

ALL: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: **Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Hallelujah!

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

Holy Communion

Prayer of the Night

PASTOR:

Let us pray:

ALL:

Holy God, Source of all love, on the night in which he was given up or rather gave himself up for the life of the world, the Word who was made flesh gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another even as he loved them. Write this commandment upon our hearts; give us the will to serve others, as we have been and are served by him who suffered and died for us on the cross and yet who is even now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Confession of Sin

PASTOR:

Holy and merciful God,

ALL:

We confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

PASTOR:

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we ourselves have been forgive.

PEOPLE:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

PASTOR:

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

PASTOR:

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, as well as our self-indulgent appetites and ways of exploiting other people,

PEOPLE:

This we confess to you, O God.

PASTOR:

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

PEOPLE:

This we confess to you, O God.

PASTOR:

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishon-
esty in daily life and work,

PEOPLE:

This we confess to you, O God.

PASTOR:

Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend
the faith that is in us,

PEOPLE:

This we confess to you, O God.

PASTOR:

Accept our repentance, O God for the wrongs we have done. For our
neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice
and cruelty,

PEOPLE:

Accept our repentance, O God.

PASTOR:

For our false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

PEOPLE:

Accept our repentance, O God.

PASTOR:

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern
for those who come after us,

PEOPLE:

Accept our repentance, O God.

PASTOR:

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

ALL:

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy,

have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy, have mercy,

have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR:

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast
love toward those who fear him; for as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgression from us. *Psalms 103:11-12*

*Hymn of Response

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

Committing to God’s Kingdom

Ole Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14 (p. 50)

READER:

This is the Word of the Lord

ALL:

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-20, 31b-35 (p. 846)

READER:

The glorious gospel of the Lord

ALL:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Rejoicing

My Jesus, I Love Thee #648

Homily

Rev. Jim Plunk

“A Family Song”

Matthew 26:30 (p. 781)