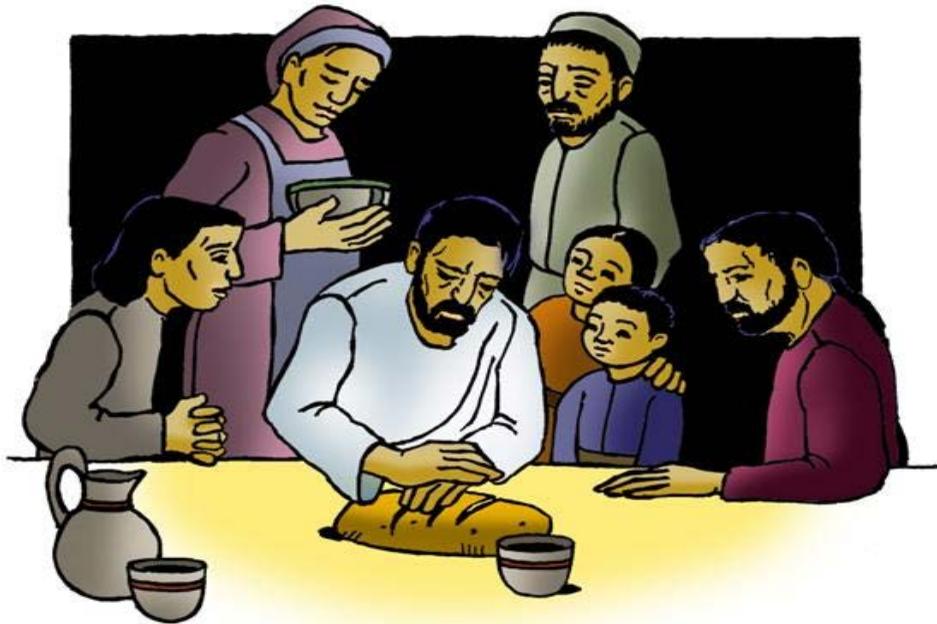


Maundy Thursday
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Pre-Recorded



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and now with Christians around the world we enter into the Holy Triduum—the Three Days—during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. 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, and as we care for our neighbors, especially the poor, the disenfranchised and the marginalized. This service will end with the stripping of the altar as we remember the way our Lord Jesus was stripped of all human dignity as he journeyed to the cross and gave up his very life for our sake and for the sake of the whole world.

In light of COVID-19 restrictions, we have omitted two elements that are typically key parts of this service. Normally when we are together in person you would be invited to kneel at the altar to receive absolution with the laying on of hands as you hear these words: “In obedience to the command of Jesus Christ, I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.” We would also share the Lord’s Supper instituted by Jesus on the night of his betrayal when he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise, the cup which he gave 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 in remembrance of me.” Instead, this year we invite you to come to our church parking lot between noon-1pm or 5-6pm to receive absolution and to partake of Holy Communion. Thank you for worshipping with us from your home as we share in this most holy time of the church year in anticipation of the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter morning.

WELCOME

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 our sin and giving us the peace of reconciliation. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and let us enter into the sacredness of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN A New Commandment

A new com - mand - ment I give un - to you that you love on an -

oth - er as I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved

you. By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if you have

love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo - ple know you are my dis -

ci - ples; if you have love one for an - oth - er

GREETING/PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Let us pray. 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. This we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

The bread of angels becomes the bread of humankind, the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms. O marvelous and wondrous sacrament: a poor man, a slave, and the humble one all partake.

David Gustafson, Soloist with Cantors

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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...This 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. For 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. The 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. This 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116

1 I love the Lord, who has
heard my voice,



and listened to my
supplication, for the Lord has given
ear to me
when ev-
er I called.

**2 How shall I re-
pay the Lord
for all the good things God has
done for me?**

**I will lift the cup
of salvation
and call on the name
of the Lord.**

3 I will fulfill my vows
to the Lord
in the presence of
all God's people.
Precious in your
sight, O Lord,
is the death
of your servants.

**4 O Lord, truly I
am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me
from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice
of thanksgiving
and call upon the name
of the Lord.**

5 I will fulfill my vows
to the Lord
in the presence of
all God's people,
in the courts of
the Lord's house,
in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem.

**6 Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son,
and to the
Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the begin-
ning, is now
and will be fore-
ver Amen.**

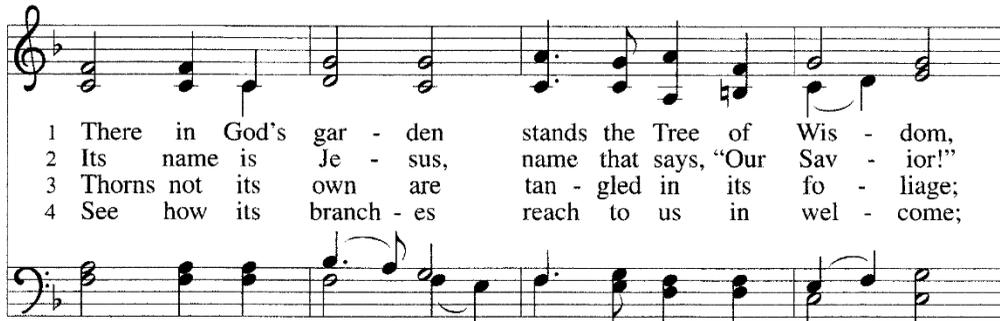
my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them..." Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By 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.**

HOMILY

Vicar Ben Nickodemus



HYMN OF THE DAY #342 There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

THE MAUNDY

The washing of the feet

This rite will be reenacted with one family during the service in order for you to meditate upon Christ's mandate that we love one another. For those of you worshipping with others from your household, we invite you to take this moment to wash one another's feet to illustrate the mandate of Christ that we love one another in our communities as a body of Christ, as a church, and as a family.

Silence is kept for reflection and meditation

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world. After each petition when the leader says: "Hear us, O God," you are invited to respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"*

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR — Psalm 22

chanted by cantors

As the cantor chants the psalm, the altar is stripped. This action is reflective of Christ being stripped of all dignity as he journeyed to the cross. This is the only time in the church year the altar is stripped. Inscribed on the top of the altar are five crosses representing the five wounds of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE WORSHIP BELL OF THE CARILLON

Worship Leaders

Presider: Pastor Laurie A. Jones

Preacher: Vicar Ben Nickodemus

Assisting Minister: Sister Clare Josef-Maier

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook

Associate Organist: Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

Cantors: Leah Burian, Naomi Castro, Alyse Jamieson,

Blake Balmeseda, Dylan Bunten, David Gustafson, John Shields

Audio/Visual Tech Support: Ted Hicks

Announcements

We encourage you to worship with us again tomorrow via our pre-recorded Good Friday service. Also: the Sanctuary will be open between noon and 3pm on Good Friday for self-guided prayer and meditation as well as stations geared especially for children, youth and families to have a worshipful and meaningful interactive experience together as we remember the saving acts of God.

In addition, on Holy Saturday children and youth are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at 10am at the Pioneer Cemetery across from the church.

Then, on Easter Sunday we invite you to celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord in our Festival Worship Service at 9am (via live-stream or in person; pre-registration is required by calling the church office or by registering online [here](#)).

Finally, you are invited to join us via Zoom at 11am to hear greetings from our children and to share Easter greetings with one another. Click [here](#) to receive the Zoom link directly to your inbox.