

Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Solemn Stripping of the Altar

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Maundy Thursday

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7:30 p.m.

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About this service

This evening we begin a liturgy that really lasts three days. There is no blessing or dismissal until the end of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. The early Church came to think of this time, called the Triduum, as one continuing service. People went home and came back, but the prayer continued.

"Maundy" is an Old English derivation of the Latin Mandatum, meaning "a command," referring to Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another" (John 14:34). The Maundy Thursday liturgy recalls the Last Supper, focusing particularly on the institution of the Holy Eucharist and foot washing, where Christ humbly washed the feet of his disciples

Prelude:

Processional Hymn 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" *see pages 2 of this bulletin)*

Land of Rest

Opening Acclamation

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Clergy: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

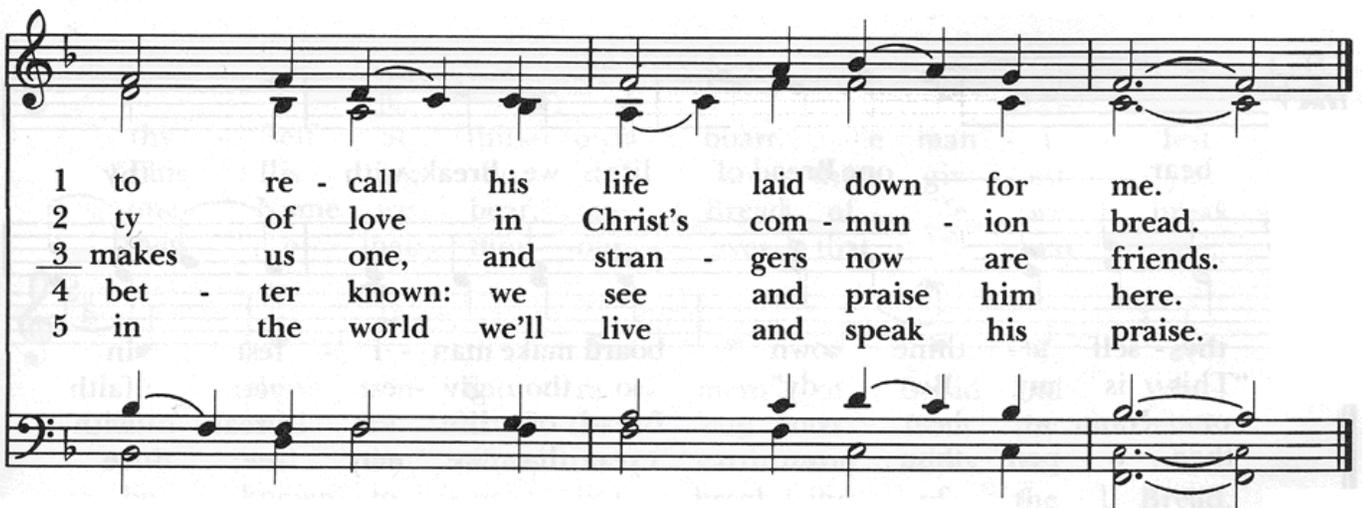
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-14

read by Emma Cuddy

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This 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. 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

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Silence

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

read by Doug Onley

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

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn 577: "God is love, and where true love is God himself is there"
(see pages 6-7 of this bulletin)

Ubi Caritas

The Holy Gospel: John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

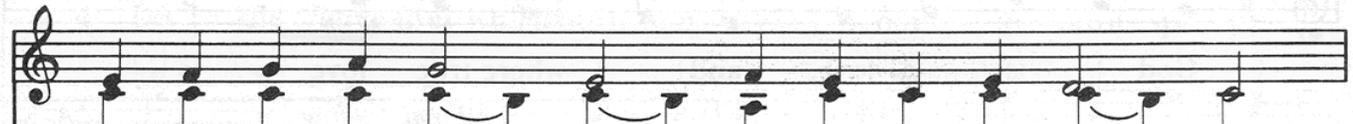
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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."

Refrain


God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris-tians gath - er, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,




Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.




Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.

Music: *Ubi caritas* (Murray), A. Gregory Murray (b. 1905)

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Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord
 People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons, Associate Rector

Choir Anthem: “Agnus Dei” from Requiem,

Giuseppe Verdi

Emily Riley, soprano, Cierra Byrd, mezzo-soprano

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Grant unto us peace

The Prayers of the People

(Adapted from the Church of England in An Anglican Liturgical Library)

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
 We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us and humble us.

Lord, on this night, you prayed for your disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us and unite us.

On this night, you prayed for those who were to believe through the disciples' spreading of the Gospel. We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.

On this night, you commanded your disciples to love, but suffered rejection yourself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us and fill us with your love.

On this night, you reminded your followers that if the world hated them it hated you first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
Lord, hear us and give us your peace.

On this night, you told your disciples that you would remain with them on earth only a little longer. We pray for those who have gone before us in faith, and we remember those who are grieving the loss of those they love.

Lord, hear us and comfort us with your Holy Spirit.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.*

The Peace

Welcome

The remaining Sacrament is placed on a special Altar of Repose. The "Altar of Repose" symbolizes the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony before his arrest.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Organ Solo: "All Glory be to God on High"

J.S. Bach

BEGINNING THE WATCH

Psalms 143 : A Psalm of David

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;
answer me in your righteousness.
Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.
I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds,
I meditate on the works of your hands.
I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.
Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life.
In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.
In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries,
for I am your servant.

A "virtual watch" begins immediately following the service, at the Altar of Repose. All are invited to spend some time in prayer and reflection, in response to Jesus' request, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

The clergy depart in silence.



Join us tomorrow at noon for the [Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday](http://www.Immanuel-On-The-Hill.org) on our website
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