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Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

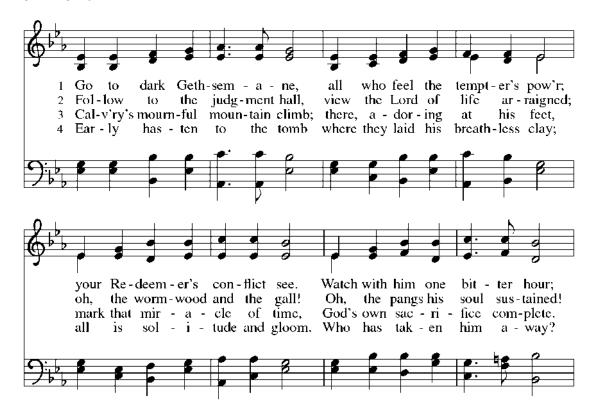


We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, 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 - He Never Said a Mumblin' Word arranged by Paul Taylor. 2004 Lorenz Publishing - Carrie Hansen

Welcome and Announcements - Mother Rosean Amaral

Opening Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, ELW #347 - Carrie Hansen





Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSIEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- All: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.
- P: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
- C: Amen.

The First Reading: John 13:1-17 - read by Matt Chavez, Mary of Magdala ECC

L: A reading from the Gospel of John.

It was before Passover, and Jesus realized that the time had come for him to pass from this world to his loving God. Jesus had always loved those in this world, but now he showed how complete this love was. During supper, Jesus rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist. He poured some water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that was round his waist.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Rabbi, you're not going to wash my feet, are you?" Jesus answered, "At this time, you don't understand what I'm doing; but later you'll understand." Peter replied, "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus answered,

"If I don't wash your feet, you have no part with me." Peter said to Jesus, "Then, Rabbi, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well." Jesus said, "Any who have bathed are clean all over. They only need their feet washed – and then will be clean.

After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to the disciples gathered, "Do you understand what I have done and what it means? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Leader' — and rightly, for I am. If I, then – your Teacher and Leader – have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

- L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Prayers and Affirmation of Faith through the Practice of Foot Washing

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death when he washed the feet of the disciples.

While we are washing one another's feet, Bill Smith and Mary of Magdala singers will lead us in song

Servant Song - Bill Smith and the Mary of Magdala musicians

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Will you let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I might have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey. We are brothers on the road. We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you; Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Come, O Jesus - Bill Smith and the Mary of Magdala Musicians

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Refrain (2x)

Come, O Jesus, come. Come and fill my heart with your life. Hold me close, Lord, hold me tight, and come, O Jesus, come.

1. Where there's despair in life, let me be your voice of hope. Where there's injury, let me be your voice of peace.

Refrain

2. Where there is sadness let me be your comfort and your joy. When there's fear in our hearts let me be a sign of faith.

Refrain

Prayer of St. Francis/Oracion de San Francisco - Bill Smith and the Mary of Magdala musicians

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- Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
 And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light,

And where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled, as to console, To be understood, as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Instrumental

Repeat vs. 3 & 4

Sharing the Peace of Christ

- P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Here is an opportunity to offer a prayer for your neighbor. Shake hands, hug where appropriate, or offer a wave as you repeat the words above as a prayer offered to one another.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - Emma Cleveringa

L: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I received from the Christ what I have also handed on to you: that Christ Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and said, "This cup is the covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink from it, do so in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim Jesus' death until the Christ comes again.

L: The Words of Institution, as handed down from the earliest followers of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory - Organist Monty Hogan

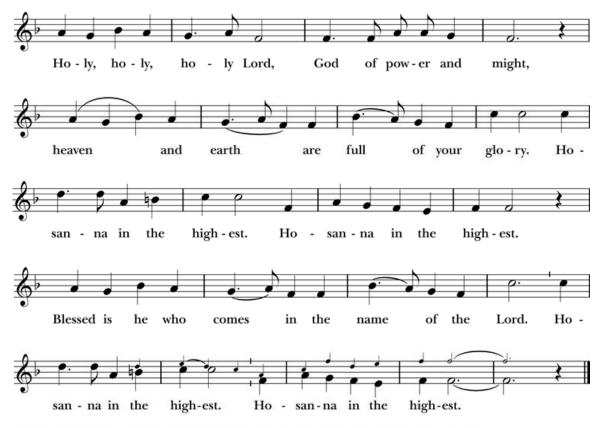
The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

- P: God be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to God.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



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P: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend

for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

P:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

C: Blessed are you, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: *(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold who you are; become what you receive.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at the Communion table. It is Christ's table, not ours. Just come forward and cup your hands to receive the bread, then eat it. Take a small cup of wine or grape juice (the grape juice is the lighter colored drink) and drink it. The Eucharist is complete in each element, so having the wine is optional. **Or would you rather have a blessing?** When you come forward, just cross your hands over your heart and the priest will bless you. **Gluten-free** wafers will be distributed from the center station.

Communion Anthem: 301 Faith Partner Choir - Ubi Caritas

Communion interlude - Monty Hogan

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. A brief silence is kept.

All: Host of this feast beyond measure and price; we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost;

Liberate us **now** to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Third Reading: Matthew 27:27-31 - read by Trinity Lutheran Church

L: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

P: Thanks be to God.

At the conclusion of Maundy Thursday liturgy, the altar is stripped in preparation for the austerity of Good Friday, and as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's humiliation by the soldiers. The Eucharistic vessels, candles, ornaments, linens, paraments, and all the other furnishings are brought into the sacristy. Once the altar is stripped, it will be wiped down with water and wine, in the four corners and middle, as a symbol of Christ's five wounds. The chancel and altar will remain bare until the Easter Vigil.

During the stripping of the altar, a lector (of Trinity) will read Psalm 22.

Please remain seated until the clergy exit the sanctuary after the stripping of the altar. Mother Rosean will walk with the monstrance to the Mary Chapel (Room 9). The monstrance rests on the Catholic doctrine of the real presence. It is designed to hold a consecrated host, which represents the body of Christ. During Eucharistic Adoration, the host is placed in the center of the monstrance, which is then displayed for the faithful to venerate. This act of exposition allows worshippers to meditate on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, offering one tangible way to encounter Christ outside of Mass.

Those wishing may join the procession for a time of silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The remainder of the congregation may leave the church in silence after the clergy have exited, contemplating prayerfully the solemn events of this sacred time.

Worship continues with a self-guided pilgrimage through the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary from 11 am - 2 pm tomorrow and then

Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm tomorrow night in the sanctuary, followed by a pilgrimage to a site of modern day violence.

Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,* scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet;
 - I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

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22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears

them.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.