

MAUNDY THURSDAY



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When Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, it was in the home tradition and setting of the Passover meal. The washing of feet, the sharing of bread and wine, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus drew his friends together as host, teacher, friend, and master who was there to serve them all.

The Agape (or “love feast”) was a regular feature of the life of the early church, as attested by writers from Ignatius of Antioch to Augustine of Hippo. Apparently when the celebration of the Eucharist was separated from an actual meal, the tradition of fellowship meals modeled on the Lord’s Supper remained. The Agape eventually became a charity supper in which the church fed the poor, but its original purpose was Christian table fellowship.

During this extraordinary time that requires us to practice social distancing, we are being taken back to our households for worship. But we have the blessing in this technological age of joining others in fellowship even when we are alone in our households.

Prepare a simple meal to share in your home. Perhaps soup\salad, bread, wine or grape juice. This is not a Eucharist, but an agape meal remembering Jesus dining with friends on this holy evening.

Set your space for your meal, with your laptop (or device), and a basin of water and a towel. The pastor will be at the altar, connecting the altar with the tables in our homes. Jesus is present tonight at our tables! We will now bless our meals.

At the beginning of the meal:

Blessing Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

We invite you to spend the next twenty minutes sharing in your agape meal. On your screen will be a gallery of images and music to aid your meditation during this quiet meal of remembrance and love.

After twenty minutes the pastor brings us together as we continue the liturgy.

At the conclusion of the meal:

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you,
your right hand holds me fast.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself.

Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus;
Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus;
who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all.

In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

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GATHERING _____

Dialog

Let us glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in him there is life, salvation, and resurrection from the dead,
by him we are saved and delivered.
**O God, be gracious to us and bless us,
make your face to shine upon us,
and have mercy on us.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Silence for reflection

Almighty,
and merciful God:
I confess to you all my sins known and unknown
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,
forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit
for the amendment of my 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 the power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light.

Hymn

God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The congregation responds: Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 116:1, 10-19

Chanted responsively

The congregation repeats the refrain after the choir and then joins in singing the refrain where indicated.

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, and

call on the name of the LORD.

I love the Lord, who has¹ heard my voice,
 and listened to my¹ supplication,
for the Lord has given¹ ear to me
whenev - ¹er I called.

How shall I re - ¹pay the Lord
 for all the good things God has¹ done for me?
I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the Lord. Refrain

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord
in the presence of¹ all God's people.
**Precious in your¹ sight, O Lord,
is the death¹ of your servants.**

O Lord, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.
**I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the Lord.**

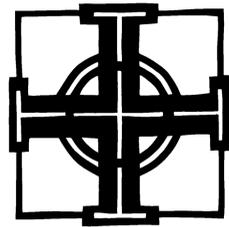
I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord
in the presence of¹ all God's people,
**in the courts of¹ the Lord's house,
in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem. Refrain**

Second Reading

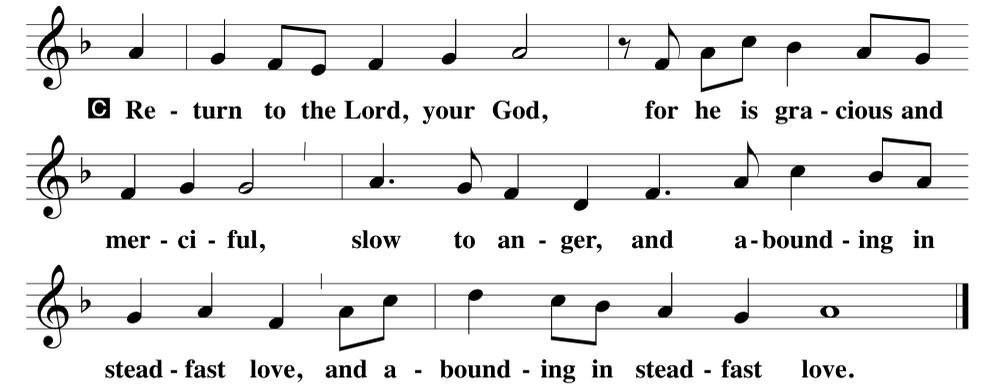
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The reading concludes:

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Holy Gospel



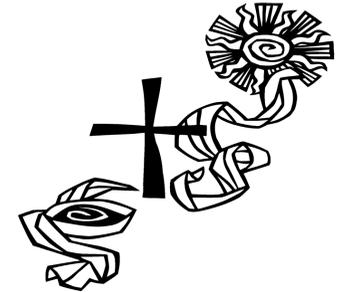
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



“Meditation on foot washing and Christian Service”



The washing of feet is an example of the servanthood to which the followers of Jesus are called.

Hymn Ubi Caritas, Et Amor

Sung repeatedly

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today your daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;
your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is sung as the linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words
of my groaning?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our forebears put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they shake their heads.
"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers
circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones.
while they stare at me and gloat.
They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to help me.
Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's
line give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in
their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from
them;
but when they cry out the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those
who fear the LORD.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
all the families of the nations shall bow before the God.
For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the
LORD.
Their descendants shall serve the LORD;
Whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted."

There is no benediction or dismissal.

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