

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday April 9, 2020

7:00PM

Introduction to the day

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Tonight's worship 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. As evening falls our Lord asks us to stay.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE -

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

P: Friends in Christ, during 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 one another. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter into the worship reconciled with our God and with one another.

Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵O LORD, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶**For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸**Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,**

¹⁹then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (Vs. 1,2,4)

Chief of Sinners though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us now make our confession to God.

(Silence will be maintained for personal reflection)

Most merciful God,

C: 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.

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

C: Amen.

P: I now invite you to make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of our Lord being handed over, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as He loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and gives us the will to serve others as Christ was the servant of all. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PSALM #116: 1-2, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

RITE OF WASHING

A: We continue our worship by washing, as we have been washed in the waters of our baptism.

Pour water or "run" water into your basin.

Place your hands in the basin and get them very wet.

Now, put soap on your hands, washing between your fingers, and thoroughly clean.

A: We cleanse our hands just as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we have fear, but because our Lord commanded us to love; and to keep ourselves clean. As we gather in spirit, and wash our hands, we remember that our Lord washed His disciple's feet. We remember that Jesus commanded us to love one another, just as Christ has loved us. As we wash, we remember the hands of Christ. As we wash, we think about all those who are in need. As we wash we offer ourselves as instruments of God's love.

Now rinse your hands and dry them with a towel

Make the sign of the cross on the back of each of your hands after they are dried.

We do this to remind ourselves that at this time in the world, our hands are meant to be the hands of Christ.

A: May we make ourselves available to the whole human family by keeping ourselves clean. At one with our Lord, at one with each other.

Hymn: "Baptized and Set Free" (Vs. 1,4)

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Matthew 26:36-39

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

A: Tonight Jesus was alone, under arrest, and awaiting his death. Tonight his friends were alone with their guilt, shame, and fear. Allow your prayers to be lifted for all who are alone, feel guilt, are awaiting death, are imprisoned, carry shame, and have great fear. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Tonight we are all missing our normal routines, our communities, and our friends. Even as we wait for this pandemic to be over Jesus waits with us all tonight, even as we wait with Him in that garden. Jesus knows what loneliness feels like, what fear tastes like. Jesus knows the heartbreak of being alone when you want most to be with people you love. Our Lord comes to us in our weakness and vulnerability. Our Lord draws near to us to guide our hearts and our

thoughts. Tonight we hold vigil not only with our Lord, but with the sick, the fearful, the lonely, and with all who risk their own lives to protect and care for ours. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Tonight we have cleaned ourselves and reminded ourselves that we have been made God's children. Let us now cleans ourselves from all that has come before this moment of time in our lives: our anxiety, our worry, our fear, our sorrow, and our shame. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, draw near to your people this night, wait and watch with us; even as we wait and watch with you, for our hearts are heavy. Send your holy angels to watch over the sick, and to guide the hands of those who tend to them. And we beseech you, comfort us. May we watch, and wait, strengthened by your presence.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Rev Jerry Kulp

Psalm 31

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;

you have taken heed of my adversities,

⁸and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many —
terror all around! —

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD,
for I call on you;
let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled
that speak insolently against the righteous
with pride and contempt.

¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of everyone!

²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them
from human plots;
you hold them safe under your shelter
from contentious tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.

²²I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far from your sight."
But you heard my supplications
when I cried out to you for help.

²³Love the LORD, all you his saints.
The LORD preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.