

**April 1, 2021  
Maundy Thursday**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (D. Cherwien)*

**PSALM: 116**

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.

How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and 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.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us make confession to God.

**Almighty God, merciful Father:** I, a troubled and penitent sinner,  
confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended  
you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But 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, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your  
Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life  
everlasting. Amen

Almighty God in mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of Jesus' light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by the Lord's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**HYMN: *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* (ELW 605)**



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.  
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 22:1-27**

<sup>1</sup>Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about

how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" <sup>10</sup>Listen, he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." <sup>13</sup>So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### ADMONITION

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

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 this past year with the conscious washing of our hands and the covering of our faces for the sake of our neighbor, mirroring the command of Jesus to wash each other's feet, a sign of the love for those most vulnerable.

It is in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

### HAND WASHING IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC:

*While we sing this hymn let us wash our hands. Pouring water over one hand you might say, "Holy God, protect us from evil." Pouring water of the other hand you might say, "Holy Spirit, guide my hands to do your will."*

## A New Commandment (WOV 664)



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one 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.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

### PRAYER AFTER WASHING:

Lord God, we began our pandemic journey during our Lenten practice a year ago. We did not know what was going to happen in the future. Here we are, a year later, ending our Lenten practice still in a pandemic. Yet, you have been with us through it all. We call on you to lead us into this Easter moment of ending this pandemic by encouraging your children to continue to wash their hands, cover their faces and, when it is their turn, to receive the gift of a vaccine shot - until the threat of this virus has passed. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Messiah, our Lord and our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

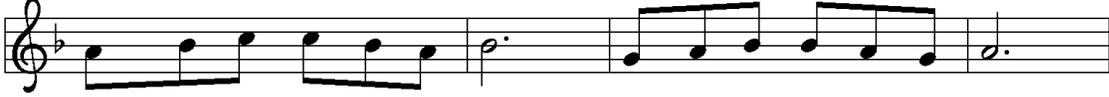
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Your word leads us across the sea to freedom, and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days.

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love. He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin. He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.

**In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

**Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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 for the remembrance of me.**

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God, for the gift of your loving Spirit. Fill this meal with the life of your Son. Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need. Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.

**Blessed be God forever!**

**Amen, and amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our 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.**

## COMMUNION

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

## BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## STRIPPING THE ALTAR: *Stay with Me* (ELW 348)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some chords and rests. There are fermatas over the final notes of the first and second phrases.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## POSTLUDE: *Jesu Meine Freude* (J. Walther)

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