



## Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

*With our service this evening the observance of Lent comes to an end as we gather with Christians around the world to mark Jesus' death and resurrection. While we begin the Three Days (a daily series of services known as the Triduum) with confession and forgiveness, the heart of the Maundy Thursday service is Jesus' commandment from which it gets its name – "Mandatum novum do vobis..." in Latin: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we care for one another – especially in this time of uncertainty.*

### CHORAL INVOCATION

"Agnus Dei"

Hans Leo Hassler

*Sung in Latin: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, grant us peace.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ,

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. So today, as we enter this holy time, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**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 be 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, renews, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ  
and by his 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

PSALM

Psalms 31:1-5, 13-16

*(chanted by the quartet)*



In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
Deliver me in your righteousness.  
Incline your ear to me; make haste to help me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
For the sake of your holy name, lead me and guide me. **REFRAIN.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.  
I hate those who cling to worthless idols, and I put my trust in the Lord. **REFRAIN.**

I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.  
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. **REFRAIN.**

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 22:1-27

Our narrative reading for this evening is found in Luke.

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

## ACT OF LOVING SERVICE

*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 by various deeds - the washing of feet, the washing of hands - following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.*

*As you worship at home, we invite you to wash your own hands - a gesture not focused on self but focused on protecting (and service to) others. Indeed, the acts of mask wearing and sheltering in place are other ways of showing loving service.*

## MUSIC

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered into acts of loving service, we pray for the church the world and all God's creation.

*(A brief silence)*

Each petition concludes:  
Lord in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. Silence is observed following the motet.*

## MOTET

“Help Us, Jesus Christ”

Heinrich Schütz

*Sung from the rear balcony*

*(Concluding chorus from the St. John Passion)*

*Help us, Jesus Christ, Son of God. Through your bitter suffering you have redeemed the world. Help us always remember your death and anguish. Praise and thanks we offer. Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy).*

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