

# March 28, 2024 ~ Maundy Thursday

## 7 p.m.

*congregational responses are in bold.*

### WELCOME

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

C **And also with you.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L We are each a tapestry of stories.

C **We are our stories of fear and grief, As well as our stories of love and joy.**

L We believe that God sees all of these interwoven truths And says to our fragile selves:

C **"Come in.**

**Come in from the cold,**

**Come in from the rain,**

**Come in from wherever you are,**

**And be here tonight."**

L We believe that God then pours warm water into a basin  
To wash off the weariness of the day,

C **The bruises of the past,**

**And the doubt that clings to us.**

**We believe that this act is an act of love.**

L Similarly, we believe that God says to us: "Eat."

And God shares of God's self,

And it is food not only for our bodies, but for our souls.

C **We believe that all this happens**

**Every time we close our eyes and imagine God,**

L And every time we close our eyes and imagine God,

We believe the parts of our tapestry that feel worn and frayed

Are held together.

C **So today, we remember. Today we say thank you.**

**Today, we know—we are held together.**

### MUSIC

I will feast at the table of the Lord

I will feast at the table of the Lord

I won't hunger anymore

At His table

I will feast at the table of the Lord

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore  
At His table

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore  
At His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
I won't suffer anymore  
At His table

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

I know He has a place for me  
Oh, what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; his burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says, "Come just as you are"  
To His table

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

P 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.

C <sup>2</sup>**The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.**

P And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,

C <sup>4</sup>**got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.**

P <sup>5</sup>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.

C <sup>6</sup>**He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"**

P <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

C <sup>8</sup>**Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."**

P <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

C <sup>10</sup>**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."**

P <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

C <sup>12</sup>**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?"**

P <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

C <sup>14</sup>**So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.**

P <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

C <sup>16</sup>**Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.**

P <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

C <sup>31b</sup>**"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.**

P <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

C <sup>33</sup>**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.'**

P <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

C <sup>35</sup>**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

## HAND WASHING

## MUSIC

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - Jesús, Jesús, muestra tu amor"*

**Coro: Jesús, Jesús, muestra tu amor,  
y como servir, a los vecinos aquí.  
Se arrodilla así, lava a ellos sus pies,  
En silencio el amo... sirve.**

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.**

*Coro: Jesús, Jesús, muestra tu amor,  
y como servir, a los vecinos aquí.*

*Ricos y pobres juntos, de todos colores son,  
Estamos tan cercas y... lejos.*

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away.**

*Coro: Jesús, Jesús, muestra tu amor,  
y como servir, a los vecinos aquí.*

*A ellos serviremos, y les vamos a amar;  
Todos somos vecinos... verdad.*

*Coro: Jesús, Jesús, muestra tu amor,  
y como servir, a los vecinos aquí.*

*Nos arrodillaremos, los pies lavamos también,  
Así vamos a vivir... por Ti.*

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

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## CONFESSION

L The closer and closer we get to the crucifixion,  
The more earnest our prayers of confession feel.  
For we know that what was done to Jesus—  
Betrayal, humiliation, violence, and death—  
Are things we do to each other all the time.  
So, with all earnestness, a sense of urgency, and a deep hope for  
transformation,  
We return to this prayer once again,  
Trusting that the God who holds the stars in the sky is holding us tonight.  
Let us confess together. . .

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C Holy God who holds us together, If I were to place myself at your table, I would  
probably be Peter— Misunderstanding your radical hospitality,  
Sticking to the rules,  
Arguing what I do and don't deserve.  
Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas—  
The one who betrayed you,  
The one who failed to see the good right in front of him,  
If I were to place myself at your table,  
It's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples—  
Watching, but not speaking,  
Silently missing the opportunity  
To tell you what I believe and how much I love you.  
If I were to place myself at your table,  
I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes  
Your well-intentioned disciples made.  
There is no surprise there.  
What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet  
nonetheless.  
So forgive me, God.  
Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also. Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P Family of faith,  
Jesus knew that Peter would deny. He knew that Judas would betray,  
And he knew the disciples would hide in fear.  
And still—and still—he invited them in.  
He washed their feet, and he fed them.  
Friends, we worship the living Christ  
Whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love.  
So, may this story tonight remind us:

C No matter who we are, No matter where we go,  
No matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life,  
We will always be invited in and held together by the Living God.  
Again and again and again, we are forgiven.  
Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.

## MUSIC

*For Everyone Born"*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
and God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace: yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

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## COMMUNION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

L <sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

C <sup>2</sup>**This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.**

L <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

- C** <sup>4</sup>**If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.**
- L** [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.**
- L** <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.]**
- L** <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.**
- L** <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- C** <sup>14</sup>**This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

MUSIC

*"Remembrance (Communion Song)"*

by Matt Maher

Oh, how could it be  
That my God would welcome me into this mystery  
Say take this bread, take this wine  
Now the simple made divine for any to receive

By Your mercy, we come to Your table  
By Your grace, You are making us faithful

Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

See His body, His blood  
Know that He has overcome every trial we will face  
None too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed, all are welcome in this place

By Your mercy, we come to Your table  
By Your grace, You are making us faithful

Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

Dying You destroyed our death  
Rising You restored our life  
Lord Jesus, come in glory

Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Lord Jesus, come in glory

Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You



## STRIPPING THE ALTAR

### SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22

- L My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- C **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**
- L Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- C **In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- L To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- C **But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**
- L All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- C **'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'**
- L Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- C **On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**
- L Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.
- C **Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- L they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- C **I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;**
- L my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;
- C **my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.**
- L For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.
- C **My hands and feet have shrivelled;  
I can count all my bones.**

- L They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- C **But you, O Lord, do not be far away!**  
**O my help, come quickly to my aid!**
- L Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!
- C **Save me from the mouth of the lion!**  
**From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.**
- L I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- C **You who fear the Lord, praise him!**  
**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;**  
**stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**
- L For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;
- C **he did not hide his face from me,**  
**but heard when I cried to him.**
- L From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- C **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;**  
**those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**  
**May your hearts live for ever!**
- L All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.
- C **For dominion belongs to the Lord,**  
**and he rules over the nations.**
- L To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.
- C **Posterity will serve him;**  
**future generations will be told about the Lord,**  
**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,**  
**saying that he has done it.**