



Maundy Thursday

AS WE GATHER

April 17, 2014

The night known in the Church as Maundy or Holy Thursday is filled with significance and holy activity. We are called to remember the great mandate—the New Command—of our Lord Jesus that we are called to love one another and to serve each other, as our Lord demonstrated in washing the feet of the disciples. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. The hymn writer reminds us that an “awe-full” mystery is here. The whole night and our worship as part of it are awesome indeed!

† PREPARATION †

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the prayer of our Lord we pray, “Lead us not into temptation.” Yet we know that we do not always withstand the temptations that assail us. We daily sin much and know our need for forgiveness. In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him, humbly asking for His mercy in Christ Jesus. Let us then make our confession to our God. O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “GREEN BOOK” 122 **Love Consecrates the Humblest Act**

Love consecrates the humblest act and
Haloes mercy’s deeds; it sheds a benediction
Sweet and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross Christ
Knelt and washed the feet of his disciples,
He gave us a sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve; what
Christ in love so true has freely done for
One and all, let us now gladly do!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1–14 *(The Institution of the Passover)*

CHOIR ANTHEM

Wash Their Feet

By Pepper Choplin

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1–17, 31b–35 *(The New Commandment given by Jesus)*

SERMON HYMN “Green Book” 315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou are;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish them thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SERMON “Action follows Love”

--Pastor Jeremy Lucke

Post Sermon Prayer

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1
Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"RED BOOK" 89

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"GREEN BOOK" 212 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Immediately following the Post-Communion Thanksgiving, the Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday. While this is done, you may meditate on Psalm 22. At the conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar, the service is concluded and you may leave.