

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us the promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the suffering and death of our Savior on the cross. We thank You, too, that You continue to demonstrate these promises for us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Forgive us where we have sinned; strengthen our faith; and cause us to live lives that show forth Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

This day is known as Maundy Thursday which means, "The Thursday of the Commandment," referring to the new commandments of love given by Christ in the Upper Room the night before He died. He commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He then demonstrated His love in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and commanded His disciples to eat and drink.

The liturgical color for today is white. White is used on the "joy days" of the church year, symbolizing the purity, glory, and holiness that the Lord our God brings His people.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

700 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 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 art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, O 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.

- 3 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.

4 **Finish then 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!**

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INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sin, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on our sins and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

People: Amen.

Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sins.

Pastor: With repentant hearts, we cry out:

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our 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. Thanks be to God!

HYMN

570 - Just As I Am, without One Plea vv. 1, 5 & 6

1 **Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

5 **Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

6 **Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of love, on the night of His betrayal Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment: to love one another as He had loved them. By Your Holy Spirit write this commandment on our hearts and in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD--a lasting ordinance.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"The Lamb"

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹ It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no

servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

³¹ "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

702 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 **My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!**

- 2 **May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

- 3 **While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.**

- 4 **When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:
For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our remembrance of Jesus Christ that our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our deliverance from this pandemic, for those suffering from the virus, and for all those who mourn loved ones who have died, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stripping of the altar (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

Pastor: After celebrating the Passover Feast with His disciples in the Upper Room, events in our Lord's life moved rapidly: Prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha, and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to point to His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

PSALM *The Psalm is spoken during the stripping of the altar.* Psalm 22:1-18

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

(Upon completion of the Psalm, all may leave worship silently)

Serving at Chapel

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