

Maundy Thursday



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6:30 P.M.

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**Lectio, Reflectio and Collectio:
Inviting All to Listen and Obey the Spirit
Reading: John 13:1-7, 12-16, 34-35**

Tonight you will hear the gospel read three times, with pauses between each reading for reflection.

During the first reading: notice what word or words stands out for you.

During the second reading, listen more intently around those words or themes to hear more clearly what the Spirit is speaking or showing.

During the third reading, listen and hear what the Spirit is prompting, compelling, calling you to do in response to the word and the message you hear in the Word.

The Gospel today is taken from: John 13:1-17, 31-35

13 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus 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.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

12 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?' ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Responding to the Spirit: Washing Feet

This is the night of love. Love through the Word, Love in action, Love moving in our lives. Tonight, Jesus washed his disciples' feet, reversing roles of master and student, servant and host, and told the disciples and us to do the same, that we might show the world God's love. That we might show the world our love. On this night, we wash each other's feet, obeying Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us. Our footwashing takes many forms. As in Jesus' time, the servant washed the feet of the guests, we share our servanthood in these ways: Look for Christ in these images. Who is Christ, the giver or the receiver?

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Reflection on the Reading

Pastor Amy

This is the night of love. This is the table of love.

At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.

And so we pray:

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves, all our joys, all our passions, we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before time, beyond the farthest reaches of awareness and space we may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

What are we that you should notice us?

What are we that you should love us?

What are we what you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually break and you continuously sustain.

Mercy! How full of mercy you are, O God!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy! Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy, worthy! Hosanna to our King! Hosanna to our King!

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ!

Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick. new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the possessed, love poured out for all.

**Worthy the night you took a towel and basin,
washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do likewise.**

Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

We remember.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts.

Come upon these gifts.

Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly: **Hear us, Lord.**

That healing may come for people who are sick, and peoples who are torn and weary: **Hear us, Lord.**

That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself vanquished:

Hear us, Lord.

That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace: **Hear us, Lord.**

That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last. **Hear us, Lord.**

That we may love one another, and all your creation, as you have loved us.

Hear us, Lord.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

Spiritual Communion

In this time when we are unable to be at a common table with one another, our forefathers in the Christian faith instituted what is known as "Spiritual

Communion.” In this moment, we prepare ourselves as we would for the physical elements of communion, thinking about God’s gifts to us in the Body and Blood of Christ our Lord. Take a moment to pause, to recall that which you have received from God, (pause) to remember your sin, (pause) to ask forgiveness. (pause) Christ has given his body “for you,” Christ has “shed (His blood) for you for the forgiveness of your sin.” Where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation. Recall God’s gifts to you through Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

Jesus, I believe that you are with me through your Holy Spirit, in the sacrament of Baptism and Holy Communion. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you through the elements of the sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, knowing you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you as you offer forgiveness, unity, and hope to me and all believers. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Thanksgiving after Communion:

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery. We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving, loving as you have loved us wherever we go. Amen.

This is the night of love.

As we strip the altar, you are welcome to read or follow along with the 22nd Psalm:

22nd Psalm

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;

by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

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

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

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth;

and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my
hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them,

"The LORD has acted!"

This service continues tomorrow evening at 6:30, the Tenebrae service of Good Friday is the second part of the Triduum, the Great Three Days of the Christian faith.