

# Maundy Thursday Communion Service



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## INTRODUCTION

*With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OPENING HYMN:                   “O Master Let Me Walk with You”                   #818 ELW**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil--all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior. Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. 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 in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death. It is in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us make confession to God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you, and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.

**C: Amen**

## GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All: 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.**

## THE LESSON

## I CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## GOSPEL LESSON:           **John 13: 1-17, 31-35**

Now before the festival of 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet;" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him,



## THE PRAYERS

P: As the cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

*A time for a brief silence.*

P: For the church strengthened in word and sacrament, that it would follow Christ's life of loving service and self-giving sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the world shaken by terror and violence, that its leaders and all people would be set free to love and serve one another with peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are hungry and homeless, poor, and sick (especially), that they may not grow weary or lose heart but trust that their lives are embraced by the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: For the faithful departed with whom we are united in the communion of saints, that our voices may join theirs in the unending song of heaven, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Words of Institution

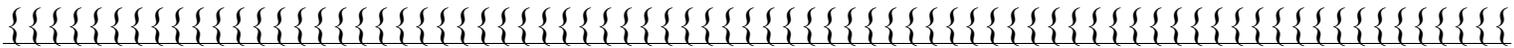
## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament  
you strengthen us with the saving power  
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.  
May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Stripping of the Altar:** *The congregation may be seated as linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel. As this is done, the congregation shall silently read Psalm 22, on page 350 ELW. Then exit.*



**Good Friday Service of the Nails, April 3<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Services  
8:30 am and 10:00 am**

**Easter Morning Coffee and Fellowship between services**

