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**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 1, 2021**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Livestream via Facebook**

*Save Us From the Time of Trial*

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

### HYMN

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

### GREETING

### KYRIE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

A reading from Exodus.

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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



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number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

A reading from First Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The gospel according to John.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. 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 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, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you

love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response is:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE AND PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

*The service concludes in silence.*

APRIL 1-3, 2021  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY  
HOLY SATURDAY



*All of us have strayed from Jesus.*

### HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Holy Week observance.

Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31	Prayer for deliverance

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR HOLY WEEK

*They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." John 19:15 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for Holy Week:**

Holy God, help us to recognize that we need Jesus as Savior and Lord, who died on the cross for the sins of the world. Open our hearts to this great love for us. Amen.

#### **Mealtimes Prayer:**

Dear God, during this Holy Week, just as we receive this gift of food with thanksgiving, give us hearts that are open to your goodness and mercy, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus Christ surround you with love that you may love one another. (John 13:34)



APRIL 1-3, 2021

### HYMN FOR HOLY WEEK

*They Crucified My Lord*



### HOLY WEEK MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or talk about a time you did something that hurt another person.
- Why is it easy at times to blame others instead of accepting our own mistakes?
- What is it in your life that needs the power of Jesus' love and forgiveness?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* John 18:1–19:42.

Those who are prejudice against Judaism, have used the crucifixion story to accuse Jews of killing Jesus. However, Jesus and his followers were also Jews. The Jews spoken of specifically in John are religious leaders, people with a religious voice defending God against Jesus' claim to be the Son of God. Jesus is alone and on trial as Peter is in the courtyard of the high priest. Peter is also on trial by denying his Lord. In a parallel fashion, the religious leaders in their zeal to oppose Jesus blaspheme: *"We have no king but the emperor"* (19:15). Hatred, fear, religious zeal, protection of the people from the violence of oppressors (the Romans, in Jesus' day), all lead "the religious," the Jews, to denounce Jesus and their own heritage that would never in a calmer moment proclaim the emperor of Rome as their one and true king. Through our continuing fear and hate, like the Jews in John, all people throughout history are just as guilty as the people who were there. Apart from Jesus, no one is righteous. Jesus stands alone as the Savior and righteous one. In what ways do we still join the Jews in the Gospel of John and say, "Crucify him"?

*Pray:* **Almighty and merciful God, we misjudge people and avoid opportunities to love those who are different from us. We ask forgiveness through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.**

### SERVICE



Jesus washed his followers' feet to symbolize how he would serve them and cleanse them through his death on the cross. In what ways do you follow the example of Jesus to serve others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Liturgy from Thursday to Saturday turns somber and reflective after singing *Glory to God in the Highest* on Maundy Thursday. Joyous church bells are silenced. In European countries it is a tradition to have noisy processions using rattles and drums as a way to focus on the change of mood. During these three days, pray and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Make noise by using a drum, rattle, or thumping fingers on a table as a reminder of this solemn time.

