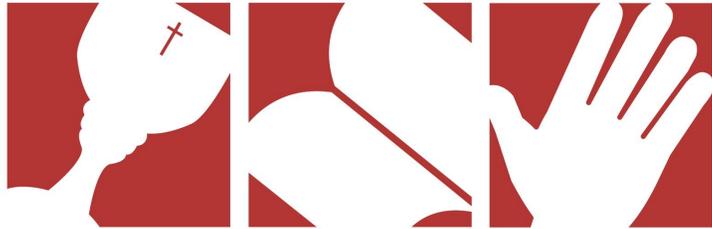


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with Jesus Christ and Each Other

## Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

Hymn: When You Woke That Thursday Morning  
Lutheran Service Book #445

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P: God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us fully; Jesus – Saviour and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – that new commandment: *"...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."*

P: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak, when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**C: forgive us.**

P: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**C: forgive us.**

P: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with

our lips and then denied him by our actions;

**C: forgive us.**

P: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for reflection)*

P: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"* and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"* The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

12 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.

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 of both people 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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: John 13:1-35

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup> “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

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

<sup>9</sup> “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

<sup>18</sup> “I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’

<sup>19</sup> “I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.”

<sup>21</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

<sup>22</sup> His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup> One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

<sup>25</sup> Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup> But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "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.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Song: "Lord I Need You"

Verse 1

Lord, I come. I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

**Chorus**

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour, I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found, is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

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Message Part 1: I have set an example...

*Pause. Families/Individuals are invited to participate in the attached Liturgy at home.*

Message Part 2: ...love one another.

Hymn: Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee LSB #632

Prayers of Maundy Thursday

Loving, listening God, ever attentive to the voices of those in need,  
We call on your name so that we might live.  
Now hear our prayer:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another.

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the place of freedom you have promised.

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Benediction

Song: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears  
relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

**Chorus**

**My chains are gone I've been set free. My God, my Savior has  
ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains: unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

**The Stripping of the Altar | Psalm 22**