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Maundy Thursday

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WELCOME to this solemn, but very precious night, where the Lord instituted His Supper of His grace and mercy, pointing to and delivering the gifts of His death. This was first done in the context of the Passover meal. When the Passover was celebrated, the participants became a part of God's first deliverance from the bondage of slavery and death. More importantly the angel of death "passed over" any house on which the blood of the Lamb was applied. When we get to participate in Holy Supper again, the blood of Jesus not only covers us, but is given to us. 1 Corinthians 11:26 reminds us, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (ESV). We look forward when we will come together again to receive Christ's body and blood as a congregation. There He offers that foretaste of the feast to come.

MAUNDY is the Latin word for "command." On that Thursday Night our Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Altar, He washed the disciple's feet and said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34 NIV). Since this command was given on that Thursday, we call it Maundy Thursday, remembering the command to love one another. This service ends with no Benediction, looking forward to Good Friday and then Easter.

+ PREPARATION +

Hymn

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

LSB #445

1 When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

2 Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples' feet.

3 What was there that You could give them That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood."

4 One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion In Your never-ending feast.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: "Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!

C: It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." (*Matthew 26:24*)

P: We, too, have betrayed the Son of Man when we act carelessly and selfishly in the presence of our Holy God. Therefore let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: O God,

C: We confess to You that we have sinned. We have betrayed You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have acted carelessly and selfishly in Your presence. Yet, we know that our Lord, Jesus Christ died to take our sins upon Himself, and through Him we have the assurance of forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son Jesus have mercy and forgive us.

P: Our merciful God has heard our plea for forgiveness and has offered His only Son to die for our forgiveness. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...Lord, Jesus Christ, You dined with Your disciples one final time, giving them everlasting gifts in bread and wine. Give us, we pray, those same gifts; forgiveness, salvation, and communion with You as we feast upon Your very body and blood in this bread and wine. In Your holy, precious name we pray.

C: Amen.

First Reading

(The Passover)

Exodus 12:1–14

P: The first reading for Maundy Thursday is from Exodus, chapter twelve.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. “Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

P: The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians, chapter eleven.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 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.” In the same way also he took the cup, 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. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

(Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet)

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . . "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

“We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight”

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- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise, we rejoice And cry “My Lord and God!”
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

Sermon

“Foretaste of the Feast to Come” Hebrews 11:39-40 & Matthew 26:29

The Apostles Creed

The Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

The Collect for Peace

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

John 13:31

The service ends in silence

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