



WHEN JESUS KNEW  
THAT HIS HOUR WAS  
COME THAT HE SHOULD  
DEPART OUT OF THIS  
WORLD UNTO THE  
FATHER, HAVING LOVED  
HIS OWN WHICH WERE  
IN THE WORLD, HE  
LOVED THEM  
UNTO THE END.

(JOHN 13:1)

*Maunder*  
**THURSDAY**

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

# Maundy Thursday

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggles against sin, death, and the devil. He has called us to holy living by removing all that prevents us from trusting in Him and from loving one another.

Since it is our intention to receive God's word faithfully, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do.

As we examine our lives, we do so knowing that God offers special comfort to those who are troubled by sin. He richly forgives those who confess their sins, who fear His wrath, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

When we reflect upon our hearts and consciences, we find within us sin and death. There is nothing in us that hasn't been defiled or corrupted by our sinful nature. And therefore, we are unable to save ourselves. But our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the entire will and law of God. In order to deliver us, Jesus took upon Himself our sin and the punishment that we deserve.

In order that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in faith and holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ grants us grace through various means. He has washed us in the waters of baptism, he gives us his body and blood in the Lord's Supper, and he comes to us now in His word to declare over you His grace and forgiveness.

Tonight, we reflect on the loving kindness and serving nature of Christ. For he is a servant of all. He washes the feet of sinners. He was delivered up for our offenses. And he was raised for our justification. Tonight we offer Him our most heartfelt thanks. We take up our cross and follow Him, and according to His commandment, we love one another as He loves us.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

# 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let  
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess; And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry  
 Christ, His on - ly Son; As mem - bers of His



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.  
 bod - y joined We are in Him made one.

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## Invocation

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** For He is my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.  
 O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Christ has had mercy upon you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, on the night of your betrayal, you showed your disciples your servant heart. As you washed their feet, you so commanded them to love one another. Grant that we may so follow in your example and trust in your mercy. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>“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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

<sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

<sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Holy Gospel

*John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

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

**C** Glory be to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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.

*Sit*

### 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1	Go	to	dark	Geth - sem - a - ne,	All	who	feel	the
2	Fol - low	to	the	judg - ment hall,	View	the	Lord	of
3	Cal - v'ry's	mourn - ful	moun - tain	climb;	There,	a - dor - ing		
4	Ear - ly	has - ten	to	the tomb	Where	they	laid	His

tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - raign'd; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet; Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.

Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He

griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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## Sermon

*Title: Loving Servitude*

*Text: John 13*

## 861 Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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## Stand

## Prayers of the Church

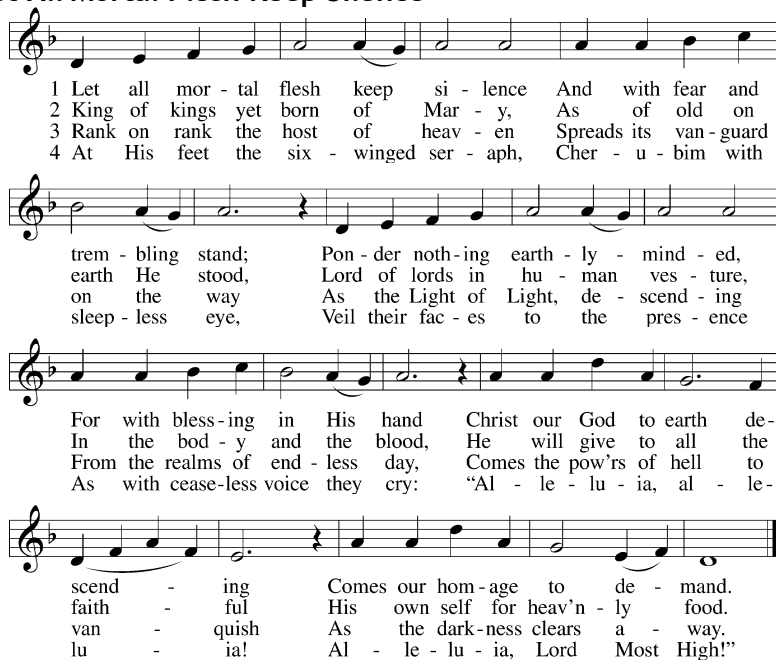
### Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

*Sit*

## 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard  
 4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with  
 trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man-ves-ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing  
 sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence  
 For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-  
 In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 scend - ing Comes our hom-age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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## Stripping of the Altar

*As Psalm 22 is read, the alter paraments are reverently removed, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and I cry by night, but I find no rest.



<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,  
that he has done it.

*(Written ~1000 Years prior to  
Jesus who fulfills this prophecy.)*

*We depart in silence.*

*Service continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 6:30pm.*

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