



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

A sound can evoke a certain memory or emotion—a special song, fingernails on a chalkboard, a baby's cry. In this Lenten series, sounds associated with our Savior's suffering and death recall His sacrifice and the forgiveness, life, and salvation it won for us.

Maundy Thursday likely receives its unusual title from the Latin *mandatum*, "command." On this night, Jesus says to His disciples, "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" (John 13:34 ESV). We see His love for us most clearly in the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

P Pastor

C Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

READING OF THE PASSOVER ACCOUNT *Exodus 12:1–14*

The Passover is established.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell 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.

⁴And 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.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and 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.

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

¹³The 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.

¹⁴"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."

OPENING HYMN 431 *"Not All the Blood of Beasts"*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P God our Father, on the night of His betrayal Your Son gave His disciples a new commandment, to love one another as He loved them. By Your Holy Spirit write this commandment on our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:15-25*

Jesus' once-and-for-all sacrifice on the cross opens the way for us to gather in confident faith and serve boldly as God's holy people.

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through

the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

Jesus washes the disciples' feet and tells His followers, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

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

G 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.

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he

knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When 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?"

¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ...

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

³³Little 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.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON *Sounds of the Passion: "Splashing Water"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

P Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and have deserved His anger and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

C I do confess.

P Truly, we should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8 NIV).

P Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

C I do repent.

P Truly, we should repent as did the penitent sinners of the Bible: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

P Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C I do believe.

P Truly, we should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV).

P Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will from this day forward change your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

C I do promise.

P Truly, we should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

P Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C I do believe.

P And as you believe and promise, so may it be to you. Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

- P** O Jesus Christ, Your entrance into the world came about because God so loved the world.
- C** Now on this night You give us a new commandment—to love one another.
- P** And on this night You show us how to love—
- C** by sharing Yourself with us.
- P** We see Your love revealed to us in the bread and wine—Your body broken and Your blood outpoured in this sacrament of Holy Communion.
- C** O Lord, fill us with Your love as we come to Your table and may Your love in us transform our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

- C** 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.

AGNUS DEI | “Lamb of God” *John 1:29*

Tune: SOUTHWELL (“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”)

- C** (sung) O spotless Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin,
By Your great mercy and Your grace
Wash us without, within.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 624 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

HYMN 547 “The Lamb”

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During this solemn act, we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts to remember the death of our Lord.

PSALMODY *selected verses of Psalm 22 NIV*

[P] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

"He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him."

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him." ...

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help. ...

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

But you, LORD, do not be far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to help me. ...

I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him
 but has listened to his cry for help.
 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
 before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
 The poor will eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek the LORD will praise him—
 may your hearts live forever!
 All the ends of the earth
 will remember and turn to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations
 will bow down before him,
 for dominion belongs to the LORD
 and he rules over the nations.
 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
 all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
 those who cannot keep themselves alive.
G Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord.
 They will proclaim his righteousness,
 declaring to a people yet unborn:
 He has done it!

*The omission of the benediction today indicates our Holy Week worship
is not complete until Easter's celebration.*

The Holy Week story continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 6 pm.

All leave the sanctuary in silence.

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