

## Worship Plan for Maundy Thursday – April 14, 2022

### *PRELUDE*

#### *INSTRUCTION:*

In this season of Lent we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

We focus on the words of absolution and the forgiveness promised therein. We express our commitment to loving service through the washing of feet. We participate in the intimate love we find by being a member of Christ's body, through Holy Communion.

We also embrace the Maundy of Christ—the Command of Christ "Love one another even as I have loved you." We meditate and fix our whole selves on that calling, that command. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ as called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

### *CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS*

P Let us make our confession to God.

**C Almighty God, merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you.**

**I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*People may come forward and bow their heads for the laying on of hands.*

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Amen.

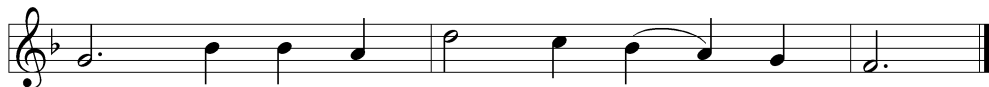
*ENTRANCE HYMN LBW#225 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"  
Verses 1 & 5*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray that we may  
2 The chas - tened peace of sin for - giv'n, the fil - ial  
3 Our trem - bling hearts cleave to thy word. All thou hast  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, u - nit - ed  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: oh, keep us



feast on thee to - day; be - neath these forms of bread and  
joy of heirs of heav'n, grant as we share this won - drous  
said thou dost af - ford; all that thou art we here re -  
by our life in thee, thy love pro - claim till thou shalt  
stead - fast to that day, that each may be thy wel - comed



wine en - rich us with thy grace di - vine.  
food, thy bod - y bro - ken and thy blood.  
ceive, and all we are to thee we give.  
come to bring thy scat - tered loved ones home.  
guest when thou shalt spread thy heav'n - ly feast.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**



## 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.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

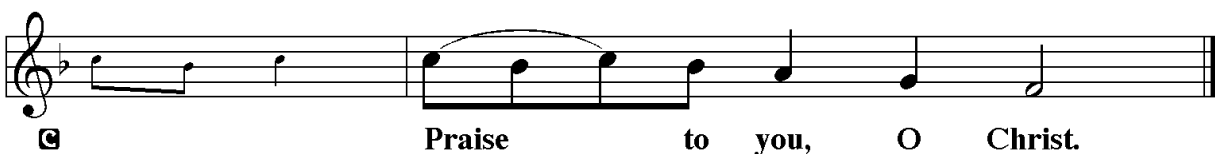
## Gospel- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW#126 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"  
Verses 1 & 5



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

*NICENE CREED*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**



## *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**Amen.**

OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEM

"In Remembrance"

-Buyrl Red



☐ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing



and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Let us pray,

Merciful God,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### MOMENT OF THANKFULNESS

At the end of this Lenten season, let us take a moment to consider what, since we last received Holy Communion, we are especially thankful for.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.

Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

On the night in which he was handed over,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks;  
blessed it, and said:  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
Blessed it and said:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

*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.**

Let us lift up these common elements of bread and wine. Lord God, send  
your Holy Spirit upon them that they might be for us the Body and Blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?  
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.  
Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."  
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.  
Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.  
Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.  
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.  
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.  
Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.  
Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.  
Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
Praise the LORD, you that fear him;

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;

but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.