

Worship Plan for Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024

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

Let us make our confession to God.

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.

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"



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.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932
Music: GRACE CHURCH, Ignaz J. Pleyel, 1757–1831

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

VERSE (LBW p. 103)



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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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"

F Dm C F C F B \flat C F C 7 F B \flat C

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.

F Gm 7 C Dm C F B \flat C Dm B \flat^6 F C F

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.

5 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

6 We now forgive each other's faults
 As we our own confess,
 That we may love each other well
 In Christian gentleness.

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 105)

**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**

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints (*especially*). In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

OFFERING (LBW p. 108)

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 109)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - FIRST COMMUNICANT

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 109)

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.

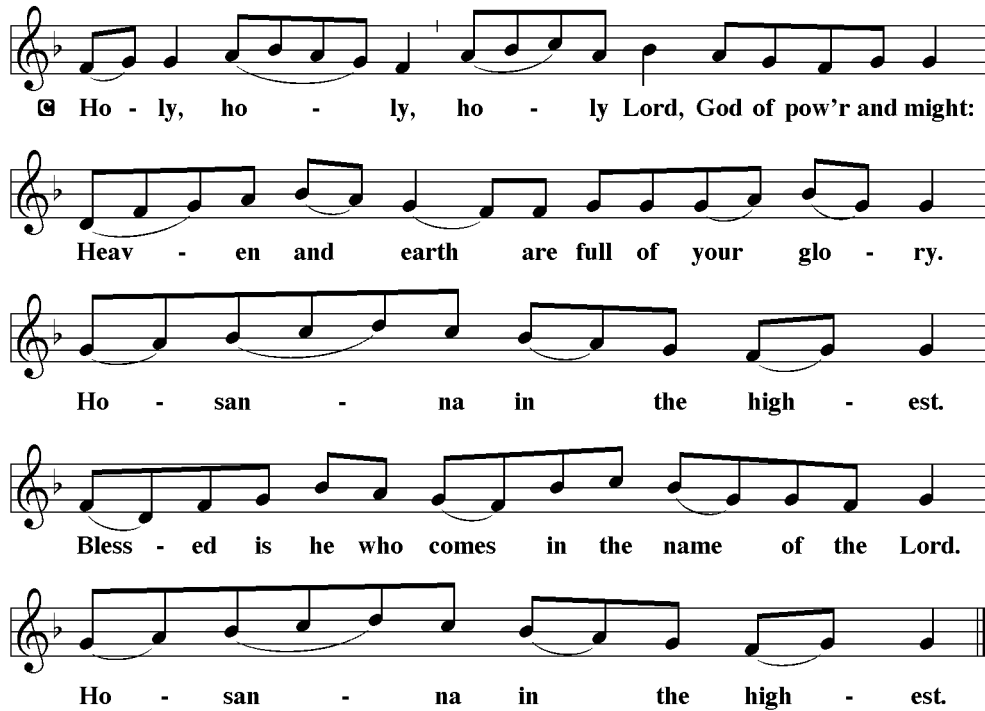
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 109)

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:

SANCTUS (LBW p. 110)



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.

THANKSGIVING (LBW)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 113)

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 115)

May Christ's body and blood strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has



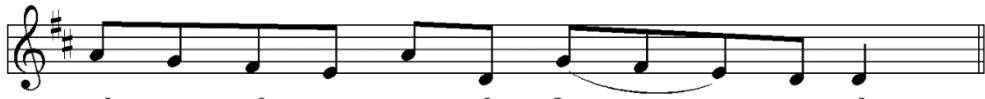
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which




you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



A light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

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.