

Worship for Maundy Thursday

7PM † April 9, 2020

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other like we are called to do. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Amazing Grace (vs. 1)

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

C: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Amazing Grace (vs. 3)

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

P: We are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amazing Grace (vs. 4)

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: 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.

C: 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, Amen.

WORD

Psalm: 116:1–2, 12–19

R: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: ¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C: ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

R: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

C: ¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

R: ¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

R: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

C: ¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-38

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself

and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Dan

Hymn of the Day: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Red Book 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy," and the response is "hear our prayer."

We join together in the 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. Amen**

Stripping of the Altar

*The lights are dimmed as the linens, paraments, ornaments,
and candles are removed while Psalm 22 is read together.*

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

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

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;
¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,
³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

We conclude in silence.