

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

On this day our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.



PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God,

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.

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.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READING: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

(After the reading) The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: **John 13:12-17, 31b-35**

(Spoken after the announcement) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Spoken after the reading) The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Krista Zimmerman

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" (ELW #358, vs.1-2, 5)

- 1 **Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.**

- 2 **We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.**

- 5 **Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung response: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (2x)**

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is read while the congregation keeps silence for reflection.

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