

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

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## Prelude

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## Introduction

*Maundy Thursday is a time to remember Jesus' version of beloved community-where we are each vulnerable enough to wash another's feet and have our feet washed, to feed and be fed, to love and be loved.*

## Greeting

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**C: Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

## Gathering Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This?"

1. What wondrous love is this,

O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse

for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. When I was sinking down,

sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown

for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

**3.** To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great I Am;  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**4.** And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus, thank you that in the Garden of Gethsemane, you did not turn from what had to be done. You knew the coming pain, but you asked only for escape if it was God's will ([Matthew 26:39](#)). Help me to have a spirit of obedience where I too can say, "Not my will, but your will be done."

### Reading of the Day John 13:1-17, 31-35

WA: It was just before the Passover festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his

power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God.

So, he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

When he (Judas) was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now 'Where I am going, you cannot come'."

## Gospel Acclamation

P: “A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

## Sermon

### Washing of the Feet

*(If you would like to participate, please come forward.)*

P: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

### Washing Song “Sanctuary”

#### ***Refrain***

**Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be the living  
Sanctuary for you.**

**1** It is you, Lord, who came to save  
The heart and soul of every man  
It is you Lord, who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength, with thine own hand. ***Refrain***

**2** Lead me on Lord, from temptation  
Purify me, from within,  
Fill my heart with, your Holy Spirit  
Take away all my sin. ***Refrain***

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

**C: Most merciful God, we, your Church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**C: Glory to God. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray the prayer the Lord taught us:

**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 that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Let us break bread together as the Lord did at that Last Supper.

## Communion

### Sending Hymn “Abide with Me”

**1** Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

**2** Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

**3** I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

**4** I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

**5** Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee.  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Communion Blessing - The Shema Prayer

P: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God. The Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

*\*We will be partaking of our Maundy Thursday meal following the service. When you are finished eating, you may leave.*

## **THE MEAL**

**LAMB/BEEF** - It symbolizes the sacrificial lamb offered by the Israelites and was eaten on the eve of their departure from Egypt.

**MATZO** - It reminds us of the unleavened bread which the Jews ate when they were freed from Egypt.

**GREENS** - Parsley or celery are used as a token of gratitude to God for the products of the earth. (We are using a salad.)

**BITTER HERBS** - Horseradish reminds us of the bitterness of slavery.

**HAROSET** - It is made of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine, chopped and mixed together. It looks like the mortar which the Hebrew slaves used in their servitude.