



# Maundy Thursday Dinner Worship

## April 9, 2020

### Gathering and Table Setting

*Family gathers around the table. The “host” may serve the role of leader. The role of leader may also be shared. It is more than appropriate to share this meal with family or friends via skype, facetime, or other electronic means.*

#### **Greeting**

Leader: Welcome in the name of Christ, the Son of God, who chose not to be served but to serve and is an example to us of Godly love,

**All: Amen**



#### **Prayer**

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of life in faith may speak again in our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading** **11-14**

**Exodus 12:1-4,**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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 judgements:

I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<b>Setting the Table: The table is set and candles are lit.</b>
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### **Prayer**

Lord, be present at our table as we gather to hear your word, remember the works of your Son and share in a meal. May our gathering help to enrich our faith during these holy days, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Second Reading**

**John 13:1-17**

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.

<sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

<sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All make confession of their sins*

Merciful God, we confess of the ways that we have failed to live out our calling as your disciples. We have not love one another as you have loved us. We have turned away from both neighbor and stranger instead of welcoming them as fellow children of God. We would rather be served by others than serve others. Forgive us, O God, and show us your mercy that, in being shown your extravagant love, we might extend that love to those around us. Amen

*The leader takes a bowl of water and says the following prayer*

God of life, we give you thanks for the gift of water, which nourishes the earth, hydrates our bodies, and is a source of our life. Help us to remember that, in our baptisms, we are joined to Christ in his baptism and that, through him, nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

*Taking turns, individuals dip a finger into the water and mark the forehead of the person next to them saying "remember that you belong to Christ."*

*Those gathered take turns assuring one another of God's forgiveness*

"Remember that God loves you and has forgiven all your sins."



## **Dinner**

### **Third Reading**

**Luke 22:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They asked him, "Where do you

want us to make preparations for it?”<sup>10</sup> “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters<sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’”<sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.”<sup>13</sup> So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

### **Table Prayer**

God of Love, we thank you for this gathering around your word and around a meal. We thank you for those gathered with us at this table and those who are absent from us but present in our hearts. Bless us as we feast. Keep us mindful of those who are lonely or separated from their families, that they may find peace and comfort in the abiding presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Feast**

<b><u>Time of Remembering</u></b>
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### **Scripture**

#### **Mark 14:32-46**

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”<sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.<sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.<sup>36</sup> He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

<sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?”<sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.<sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.<sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to

them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

## Psalm 88

*The Psalm is read in unison*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<sup>2</sup> let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.  
<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.  
<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,  
<sup>5</sup> like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.  
<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.  
<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.  
<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call on you, O LORD;  
I spread out my hands to you.

- <sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
- <sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- <sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
- <sup>13</sup> But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- <sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you cast me off?  
Why do you hide your face from me?
- <sup>15</sup> Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
- <sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.
- <sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.
- <sup>18</sup> You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.

**As is possible, time is taken for quiet meditation. The candles are extinguished to mark the end of the liturgy**



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