

Maundy Thursday

Celebrant: We join a solemn journey of three days that has changed the world and our own lives. Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago.

All: This is the night of love.

Celebrant: On the night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another.

All: This is the night of love.

Celebrant: On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same.

All: This is the night of love.

Celebrant: On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning.

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Celebrant: This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome the penitent -- all here have wandered- -and invite all preparing --all here are still learning --to join us in hearing and obeying the commandment of our Master and to feast at his table, that we may love one another as he has loved us. Come, ye sinners. Come, ye thirsty. Come, ye weary. Come to the night of love.

We will sing the following together three times:

Lord, in your mer - cy, Lord, in your mer - cy hear our prayer.

Lord, in your mer-cy, your mer - cy, hear our prayer.

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Lord, Lord, hear our prayer.

The Readings

A Reading from the Old Testament 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 response after the first reading

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the New Testament: 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.

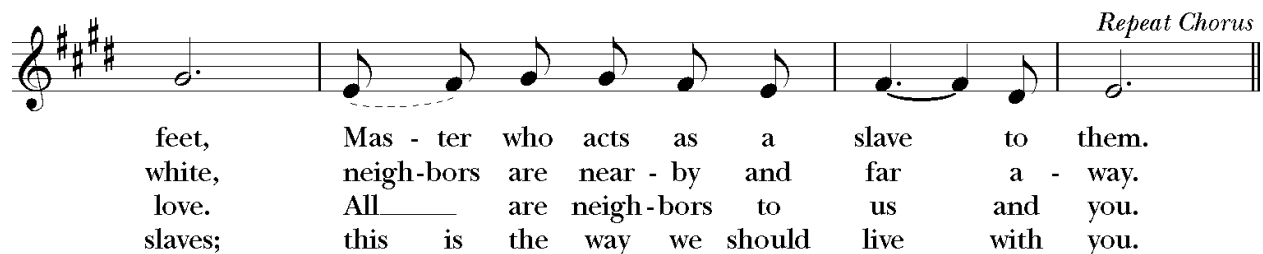
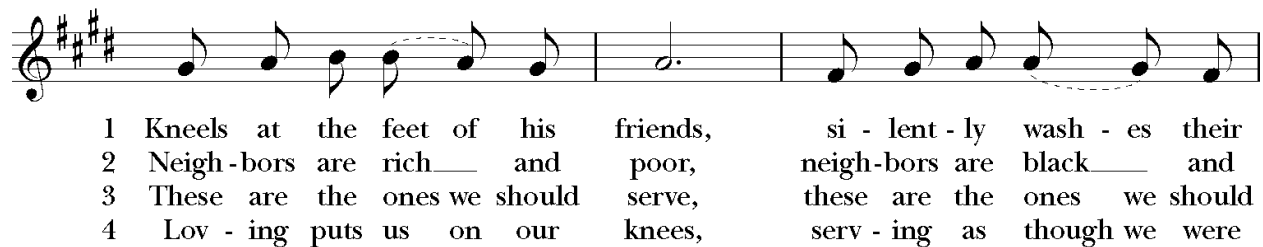
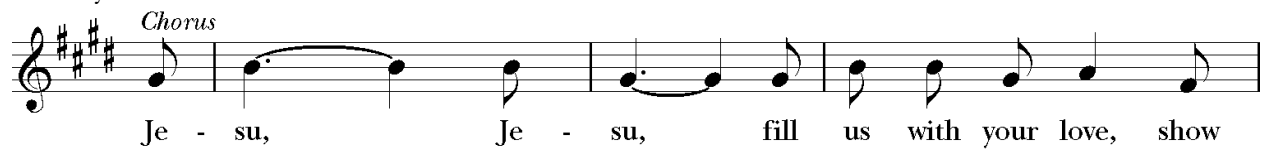
The response after the second readings:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God**

The Hymn before the Gospel

The Hymnal 1982 - #602 Kneels at the feet of his friends



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The Gospel

Before the Gospel

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

Jesus said, "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."

After the Gospel

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Suzannah Rohman

The Washing of the Feet

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

All: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

All: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

[Video of Pope Francis Washing Feet](#)

Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 - #158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All: God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

All: 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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn:

The Hymnal 1982 - #172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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The Stripping of the Altar

[Video St. Mary the Virgin New York City Stripping of the Altar](#)

Psalm 22

- 1 **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 **Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 **Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

- 5** They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6** But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7** All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8** “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9** Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10** I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11** Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- 12** Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13** They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14** I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15** 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.
- 16** 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.

- 17 They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- 19 Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 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.**
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

The service ends in silence. We will not be unmuting everyone today. Please simply leave the Zoom Worship Service in silence.