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**Maundy Thursday**

**April 1, 2021**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

*This evening 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. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

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**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. 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.

**C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

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. 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.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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 our life in faith may speak again to 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.

C Amen.

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## WORD

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P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere where Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

<sup>1</sup>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.”

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **RECREATE THE LAST SUPPER IN YOUR HOME**

*Items needed: glass or cup of water, small bowl, hand towel, piece of bread, and a cup of grape/fruit juice or wine*

### **PREPARATION MUSIC**

#### **THE WASHING**

P On this night we have heard our Lord’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*Proceed to pour water and dry the hands of those in your household. If you are more daring, wash the feet just like Jesus did. After you help wash someone’s hands/feet, say these simple words “May I be a servant of the Lord that shows you love this day.”*

#### **THE LAST SUPPER**

P On this night, we have heard about the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. On that night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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 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

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. All depart in silence.*



***Good Friday***

***April 2, 2021***

*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

**P** We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C** **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

**P** Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

P God did not spare his own Son:

**C But delivered him up for us all.**

### **JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

P The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

**C For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

### **JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

P A sword will pierce your own soul also:

**C And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

### THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

**C Cannot be my disciple.**

### JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

P They gave me gall to eat:

**C And when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.**

### JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

P They pierce my hands and my feet:

**C They stare and gloat over me.**



### **JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.

P Christ for us became obedient unto death:

**C Even death on a cross.**

### **JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**C Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

P When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

P You will not abandon me to the grave:

**C Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYERS BEFORE THE ALTAR**

P Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

**C Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

P Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**C Amen.**



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**Trinity Evangelical  
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 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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