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Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Holy Communion – Stripping of the Altar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Indicates the congregation may stand.*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come together in the spirit of thanksgiving and humble gratitude.

People: We remember this special night from long ago, when Jesus gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room.

Leader: Let us give God praise for that supper of forgiveness and dedication.

People: We recognize that Jesus' supper was a feast of community we now share with him, and so we say, "Come, Lord Jesus, feed us your meal of salvation and hope".

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesu, Jesu

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 432

Refrain *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

(1) *Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

Refrain *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

(5) *Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.*

Refrain *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Gratefully, O Lord, we recall that it was on a night like this that Jesus gathered with his friends to dine, to sing, to share for the first time in Holy Communion. As we remember and celebrate this sacrament, may the Spirit of Christ be with us. In his name, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

(NRSV) Pg. 58

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation will sing the Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb

Words and Music by Getty/Townend

Carrie Bortz- Cello
Rio Scarcelli- Aerophone

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (U.M. Hymnal) No. 95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise, him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Christ shares his sacrifice with us, and we give to Christ's work in the world in response. Bless these gifts from our pockets and our hearts that even as we share in the communion of Christ's love, we in turn invite others to share with us. In Christ's name. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31-35

(NRSV) Pg. 107

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

The Upper Room!

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

In Remembrance of Me

(TFWS Hymnal) No. 2254

*(1) In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*(2) In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.
Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.*

*(3) In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance
of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.*

*THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to our table all who love Him, who earnestly repent
of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us
confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (In Unison)

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not
loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive
us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that
proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

CHORUS OF PRAISE

Sanctuary

(TFWS Hymnal) No. 2164

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.*

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Repeat

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ. We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living Sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took bread blessed it and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, **"This is my body which is broken for you, as often as you eat of it, do this in remembrance of me."** After supper, He took the cup and blessed it and gave it to His disciples and said, **"This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins, as often as you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."**

COMMUNION OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(In the Upper Room)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Were You There

Ed Washburn - Solo

(During this time, please remain in an attitude of prayer. If you like, you may come and kneel at the chancel rail with the pastor, or just watch, pray, and be filled with the awe of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When the altar is stripped, and the pastor exits the church, you may stay and pray or leave in silence.)

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