



THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



Gathering

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
As we worship this evening,
we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ,
and we recommit ourselves
to love one another as a church.
— Based on John 13:34

Renewing

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, we come to worship
in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.
This night you kneel before your friends
and wash our feet.

Bound together in your love,
trembling, we drink your cup,
and watch.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me
their sin and iniquity.*

Almighty God, we have promised our love to you,
especially in this season of Lent.
Instead, we have proven to be disobedient and ungrateful.
We have promised our love and service to each other.
Instead, we have sown seeds of contempt, envy, and bitterness.
We have promised to live
in the power of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Instead, we have listened to the powers of darkness.
If we knew what you know about this virus,
this crisis, we would worship more than we worry.
Forgive us. Forgives for our inclination
towards panic and paralysis
instead of trust, hope and expectancy.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
the suffering, humble servant;
forgive us, we pray and renew us in His power. Amen.
(You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time)

RECEIVING OF GRACE

All of us like sheep have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor— *Steele, Murphy*

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry poor; The Savior's bounty taste.
Behold a never-failing store, For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good -
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give
And joys that never die.

Passover

Text: Exodus 12:14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Revelation Song — *Jennie Lee Riddle*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, holy is He.

Sing a new song to Him who sits on

Heaven’s Mercy Seat.

Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come.

With all creation I sing, “Praise to The King of Kings,

You are my everything. And I will adore You”

Clothed in rainbows, of living color.

Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,

To You, the only wise King.

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,

At the mention of Your Name.

Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.

Such a marvelous mystery.

Chorus

Praying the Psalms

— Psalm 116

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² **Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, save me!”**

⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶ The LORD protects the simplehearted;
when I was in great need, he saved me.

⁷ **Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been
good to you.**

⁸ For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

⁹ **that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

¹⁰ **I believed; therefore I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”**

¹¹ And in my dismay I said, “All men are liars.”

¹² How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name
of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the
presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

¹⁶ **O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;
you have freed me from my chains.**

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of
the LORD.

¹⁸ **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all
his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD— in
your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — *Robert Robinson, 1757*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Here by thy great help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

— John 13:1–17

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ 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, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one 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. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Humble King — *Brenton Brown*

O kneel me down again here at Your feet
Show me how much You love humility
O, Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You

You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary, embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble, You are the humble King

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son
Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.

We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us and humble us.

Jesus, on this night, you prayed for the disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of the Church.

Lord, hear us and unite us.

Holy Spirit, on this night, Jesus prayed for those
who were to believe through their witness.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.

On this night, Jesus commanded them to love,
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and the unloved.

Lord, hear us and fill us with your love.

On this night, Lord, you reminded them
that if the world hated them it hated you first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us and give us your peace.

Most merciful Lord,

your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean,

our hearts were unprepared;

we are not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,

and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us

with the precious body and blood of your Son,

that he may live in us and we in him;

and that we, with the whole company of Christ,

may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen

No One Like Our God — *Matt Redman*

Hallelujah, chains are broken

Your death has spoken life to us

And every accusation, all our condemnation

Silenced at the cross

Hallelujah, free salvation

The burden of a world so lost

Lifted from our shoulders

Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

There is no one like our God, There is no one like our Savior

How great is Your blessing, How great is Your love

There is no one like our God

Never has there been

Never will there be

A God like You who came down in mercy

Never will there be

A greater hope than this

There is no one like our God

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

All: **We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

One: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company in heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

One: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

One: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: What do we remember at this table?

One: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us; we also remember our love for our neighbors. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death;
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: **Amen.**

One: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Sending

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 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Satisfied — *Karl Digerness*

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me.

CALL TO SERVICE

**Holy God, truly we see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ,
who offered himself in humble service to his disciples
even on the night he was betrayed.
Lord, you shine in our hearts
when we show your love to others
in acts of service and fellowship.**

**We leave this place eager to reflect the glory of Christ,
our source of hope and life, our Savior and Lord,
who laid down his life so that we might live.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the peace of God,
Which passes all understanding,
Keep you hearts and minds
In the knowledge and love of God,
And of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us His presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.
