



*Maunder*  
THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*With nightfall 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. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

Welcome

## Call to Worship

P: The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, this shall be a day of remembrance for you.

**C: We will celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout all generations.**

P: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.

**C: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.**

## Gathering Hymn

**"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**ELW #708 vs. 1&2**

### *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*

- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away.

### *Refrain*

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## Call to Confession

P: The Psalmist said: "I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live."

**C: Tonight we turn to the LORD to confess our brokenness.**

*(Silence in this moment invites us to remember our failures and mistakes.)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Oh Lord, we have not been paying attention.

**C: We do not fully see what you are doing for us – for the world. We are too busy taking care of own tasks, saving our own skins, and living a life of distraction.**

P: We are too busy knowingly and unknowingly hurting others of your creation.

**C: Tonight we come to your table guilty. We come here before you to open our hearts and plead for our souls to be made clean. Oh gracious God, wash us and make us clean. Make us fit to be your people again. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

P: Our Teacher and Lord has promised to wash us and clean us up. We humbly thank Him. Dear ones, in the name of Jesus Christ our Teacher, your sins are forgiven. Now go forth and love as you have been loved.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Holy God,

**C: source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**

**“At This Table” – Keveren & Siler**

**Teegan Schmiesing**

**Word**

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

**Reading: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things God has done for me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<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.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dave**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"**

**ELW #659 vs 1&2**

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| 1 | Will you let me be your servant,<br>let me be as Christ to you?<br>Pray that I may have the grace to<br>let you be my servant, too. | 2 | We are pilgrims on a journey,<br>we are trav'lers on the road;<br>we are here to help each other<br>walk the mile and bear the load |
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## Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing God's Peace

### Offertory Prayer

P: Holy One,

**C: in the presence of your people we offer our heartfelt thanksgiving, our sacrifice of gratitude and praise. As we give our lives to you, show us how to love and serve you and how to love and serve one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MILESTONE AND BLESSING OF FAMILIES (6:30 PM)

**Parents:** Heavenly God, creator of water, bread, and wine, bless our children as they participate in your holy meal. May it be a joy to them, draw them closer to you, and strengthen them in their faith journey. Amen.

**Young People:** Open our hearts to receive you, Jesus.

**Congregation: Welcome to the Lord's table. Be close to these young people, Jesus, as they join us at this very special meal.**

## Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, please ask the pastors. Children not yet communing are invited to receive a blessing.*

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Tonight is the reason why we come to this table. This is the night when our Lord sat at table, loved others even when they would betray him, and changed the world forever. This is Christ's table, made holy by his body and blood which he taught us to receive with this bread and cup. Come. Receive nourishment, and be made whole.

### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Blessing

**The Altar is Stripped**

**Psalm 22**

*The Altar is a central sign of God's presence among us. We remove the symbols of worship to remember that Jesus has been betrayed, stripped, beaten, and willingly handed himself over to those who were threatened by him. There is no benediction.*

*Please leave in silence.*



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