

# *MAUNDY THURSDAY*

April 14, 2022

7:00 P.M.

**PRELUDE**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Redhead/Broughton

(Nancy Leister, Pianist and Scott Fredericks, Organist)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-11**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: While we won't be washing each other's feet tonight, you're invited to take a small step out of your comfort zone and focus on your feet during the order of confession and forgiveness. Wiggle your toes. Plant your feet firmly on the ground. If you'd like, you can even take your shoes off as we consider the wonder of God who meets us not only from on high but also kneeling at our feet.

Tonight we hear the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal and arrest. It is a story of deep intimacy and sacred connection. It is also a story about human resistance to God's grace and our discomfort with the ways that Jesus demands the disruption of hierarchies. In the story, Simon Peter first objects to Jesus's plan to wash his feet. Jesus does not rebuke him, but he does insist, for he knows what is to come. Let us prepare to lay down our burdens before God in confession, placing our trust in God's desire to know us and be with us.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Pastor: Loving God,

**All:** you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are, but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity. You invite us to take our shoes off and receive the care our bodies need, but we sit on our heels. We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones to mask our insecurities. God, remind us that we are made in your image. Help us learn to receive from your abundance so we can share all that we have with others. Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out are already full. May they overflow so that all will have enough!

Pastor: As he does with Peter in the footwashing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into joy and connection. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another and with creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved and befriended by God.

**All: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN.....*Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* – Mcmanus**

1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act And  
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ  
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; What

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 knelt and washed the feet Of his dis - ci - ples,  
 Christ in love so true Has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet And hal - lows hu - man needs.  
 he gave us A sign of love com - plete.  
 one and all, Let us now glad - ly do!

**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy God, 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 on our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was 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.

**All: Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:12-17**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Taylor Berdahl**

**HYMN ..... *Take Your Shoes Off***

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes, *“God of mercy,”* and the congregation responds, *“hear our prayer.”*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***Remember Me***  
**(Adult Choir)**

**Adams**

**TEXT:** At the close of the day in an upper room the Lord  
sat down with the twelve.

It was then that he took the bread, broke it and blessed it and said:  
“Take, eat and remember me. This is my body I give for you.  
Take, eat and remember me. Remember me.”

The disciples ate with their Lord that night, not knowing this was the last.  
It was then that he took the cup, raised it and blessed it and said:  
“Take, drink and remember me. This is my lifeblood I give for you.  
Take, drink and remember me. Remember me.”

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31b-35**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living  
water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Through the waters of baptism, God claims us as God’s own  
and marks the calling for our lives onto our very bodies. Let us  
give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the  
river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the  
fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals  
survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites  
escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing  
rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan  
woman will never be thirsty again.

With simple elements and simple acts, Jesus flipped the scripts of power to bring about new possibilities for God's love in the world. Before his betrayal and death, Jesus touched his followers and sealed their connection. Jesus taught us to wash one another's feet so that we might witness each other's goodness and be made clean.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. May the cool drip of water on our bodies bring us closer to you so that we might live as your people, with justice, kindness, and humility. As we remember your promises to us, renew in us a heart of compassion for others and help us recognize your presence in all whom we meet.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: At this time, we invite you to make your way to the Fellowship Hall, making a remembrance of your baptism as you pass by the font.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Be with us as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Holy Mystery, through communion we unite ourselves with your body, and in unity we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. Guide us to turn this nourishment into love for all we meet. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Pastor: Jesus chose to use his final hours to establish intimate and profound physical connections with his friends. In the midst of this connection, he offered a new commandment: to love others as he loves us. May this bread-breaking, foot-washing, messy love that is far from an abstract, sentimental love empower us to live out Jesus's commandment. May the presence of our Holy God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit fill the nooks and crannies of our lives.

**All: Amen.**

## **READING OF PSALM 22**

## TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

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**OUR WARM THANKS** to those assisting in our worship this evening:

**Musicians** ..... Ruth Erb, Pianist; Adult Choir  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Mike Jones, Randy Kline, John Mancini,  
Drew Steffens, Barbara Strangfeld, Bob Strangfeld, Shelley Zumbrum,  
**Communion Preparers** ..... Altar Guild  
**Courier** ..... Andrea Hersh, Mike Jones  
**Psalm Reader** ..... Doug West  
**Ushers** ..... Team 4 – Steve & Penny Rutters, Dennis Koontz,  
Chris Raubenstine, Kelli Reed

*Please join us as we continue our Holy Week journey to Easter:*



**Good Friday Service** 7:00 p.m. The Service of Tenebrae (Shadows) features the passion reading according to John. As we hear the readings and sing the hymns, darkness will fall upon us with just one light remaining.

**Easter Vigil** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil is the third and final segment of the Great Three Days that spans the very end of Lent and carries us into the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our abbreviated version of this traditional worship service will last ~1 hour long, and will be held in the Nave. We will recall great stories of salvation throughout scripture, pray for one another & a world in need, proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and celebrate communion together.



## Easter Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



We celebrate the reality of the Resurrection in a world where death and the power of evil remains. With our Alleluias and songs of praise, we bear witness to the presence of the risen Lord and the power of the gospel.

**A continental breakfast** will be available after the 8:30 service, from approximately 9:40 to 10:20. There will be no Faith Connections.

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