



Maundy Thursday

## Opening Hymn

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## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see — the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for — the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run — with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life — is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy — of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)  
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Irr. with Refrain

Officiant: This is the night of love.

[Pause.]

On the night Jesus took a towel and basin and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another.

This is the night of love.

[Pause.]

On this night, followers of Jesus have invited those preparing for baptism to begin with them a solemn vigil of prayer and fasting until the day of Christ's resurrection is fulfilled.

This is the night of love.

[*Pause.*]

On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time and invited them to remember him to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same.

This is the night of love.

[*Pause.*]

On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning.

This is the night of love.

[*Pause.*]

This is the night of love.

And so, on this night, we welcome the penitent, all who have wandered, and invite all preparing, all here are still learning.

This is the night of love.

*Officiant:* Blessed be our God.

*People:* For ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Collect for Maundy Thursday**

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*Officiant:* 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 in 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. *Amen.*

## The Readings

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### The First Reading: Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## The Response: Psalm 116:1, 10–17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard  
the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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, 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.” 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is Saying to the Churches.

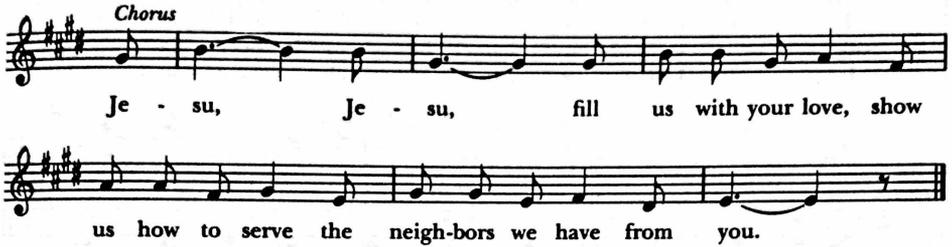
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

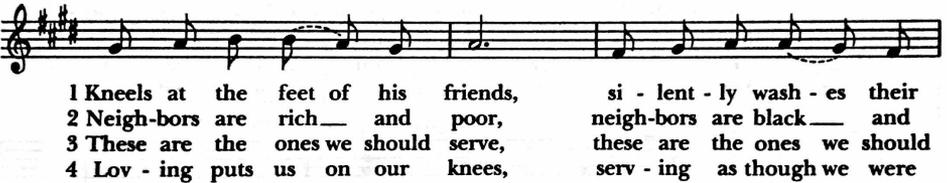
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Jesu, Jesu

*Chorus*

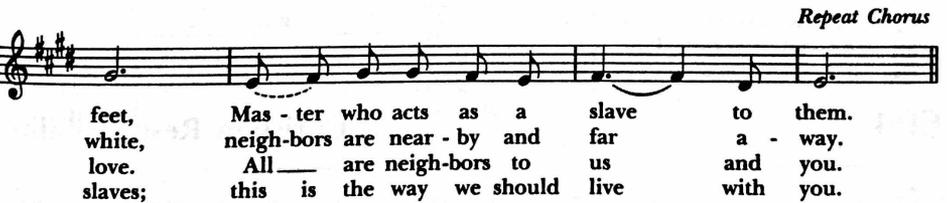


Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

Music: *Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]*, Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925)

Irr.

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The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Handwashing

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*Following the sermon, you may wash your hands using the water in the bowls at the front of the church, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet.*

*Officiant:* We begin by washing, as we were washed in our baptism. We cleanse our hands as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we are afraid, but because we were commanded to love, and to cleanse our hands, and gather in spirit, is how we love the vulnerable, whom Jesus loved.

*People:* May we be instruments of love. May the sacrifices we make be for the good of our human family near and far.  
*Amen.*

*Each person present then washes their own hands.*

## The Prayers of the People

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*Reader:* United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words *Your mercy is great.*

*[A brief silence.]*

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Give our bishops and all our clergy faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism.

*[A brief silence.]*

Hear us, holy God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into care-givers of your plants and animals.

*[A brief silence.]*

Hear us, bountiful God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.

*[A brief silence.]*

Hear us, sovereign God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization.

*[A brief silence.]*

Hear us, faithful God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...

*[A brief silence.]*

Hear us, gracious God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*[A longer period of silence.]*

Hear us, loving God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, and those whom we name before you here.

*[A brief silence.]*

At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory.

Hear us, eternal God.

*People:* Your mercy is great.

*Reader:* Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever. *Amen.*

Hymn

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## When Jesus Left His Father's Throne



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known; he came to dwell on earth.  
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low in wis - dom's path of peace;  
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,  
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## The Agape Meal

Question: Why do we gather here and at home on this night?

*Officiant:* We gather on this night to be united with Christ, with Christians around the world, and with our spiritual ancestors who have gone before around the sharing of a common meal in Jesus' presence. May this table, like our hearts and hands, be open to all who are in need and see God's presence.

*People:* God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people. Mold us by the breath of your Holy Spirit. Reveal in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ. *Amen.*

Question: Why do we light candles on this night?

*Officiant:* We light candles to remind us of Jesus, who said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

*[Candles are lit around the table.]*

You who send forth the light,

*People:* Create the morning, make the sun to rise on good and

the evil, enlighten the blindness of our minds with the knowledge of truth; lift up the light of your countenance upon us, that in your light we may see light and, at the last, be in the light of grace and the light of glory. *Amen.*

Question: Why do we share bread on this night?

Officiant: We share bread on this night as a symbol of Jesus, who said, "I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give is myself for the life of the world."

*[Bread is passed around the table.]*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power forever and ever. *Amen.*

Question: Why do we share wine on this night?

Officiant: We drink wine on this night as a reminder that like the water and grape juice we can be transformed into a new creation in Christ. Jesus said, "This wine is my blood of the new covenant, whenever you drink it do this in remembrance of me."

*[Wine is poured and passed around the table.]*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Question: What is so special about this meal tonight?

Officiant: On this night we share special food to remind us that it is through love, God's love for us and our love for each other, that Christ came into the world. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another

er. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*[Other foods are passed around the table.]*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

*People:* You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*At the end of the meal, Psalm 88 is read together by all gathered. At the conclusion of the psalm, the table is cleared reverently and in silence.*

## **Psalm 88**

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- 1 O LORD, God of my salvation, \*  
I have cried day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer come into your presence; \*  
incline your ear to my cry.
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles; \*  
my life draws near to the land of death.
- 4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; \*  
I am like one that has no strength,
- 5 Lost among the dead, \*  
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more, \*  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 7 You have laid me in the lowest pit, \*  
in a place of darkness in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger lies heavy upon me, \*  
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.
- 9 You have put my friends far from me \*  
and made me to be abhorred by them.

- 10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; \*  
my eyes fail from all my trouble.
- 11 LORD, I have called daily upon you; \*  
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 12 Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  
Will the shades stand up and praise you?
- 13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, \*  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark \*  
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?
- 15 But as for me, O LORD, I will cry to you; \*  
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.
- 16 LORD, why have you rejected my soul? \*  
Why have you hidden your face from me?
- 17 I have been wretched and at the point of death  
from my youth; \*  
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.
- 18 Your wrath sweeps over me; \*  
your horrors are come to destroy me;
- 19 All day long they come about me like water; \*  
they close me in on every side.
- 20 Lover and friend have you put far from me \*  
and hid my companions out of my sight.

*The Three Days continue tomorrow with the service for Good Friday.*

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