

Maundy Thursday

Prelude

Mary Mims, Organist

Processional Hymn

#576 God is love, and where true love is

Presider: Blessed be our God.

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

Then pray the prayer for this night:

Presider: 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.**

Song of Penance: Kyrie

Fletcher Kyrie

(see pew card)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

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. The Word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of Response

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Dixeli, quoniam

- 1 I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, *
and listened to my supplication,
- 2 for the LORD has given ear to me *
whenever I called.
- 12 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things God has done for me?
- 13 I will lift 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 God's people.
- 15 Precious in your sight, O LORD, *
is the death of your servants.
- 16 O LORD, truly I am your servant; *

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

- 17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the name of the LORD.
- 18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all God's people,
- 19 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn

#480 When Jesus left his Father's throne

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O 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."

Presider: Here ends the reading.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Annette Joseph

Presider: 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.

The Prayers Of the People

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

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Silence is kept for a time.

Reader: 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.
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.
Hear us, holy 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. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.
Hear us, holy God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Reader: Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Visit all who mourn their dead; 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.
Hear us, holy 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...

Hear us, holy 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.

Hear us, holy 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.

Hear us, holy God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory. Hear us, eternal God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Presider: 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.

The Offertory Hymn

#602 Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The following Preface may be used at any time.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Fletcher Sanctus

(See in the pew card)

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving

himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

#172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Great Silence

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer. The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.

Presider Jesus entered into a secluded place to rest and pray with his disciples. Therefore lets us find our resting place with Jesus in the silence.

Lenten Post-Communion Prayer

After all have received communion, the Presider says

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the end Psalm 22 is prayed by all gathered

People:

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Final Reading

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my
distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel
- 4 Our ancestors put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and not human, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you; *
let God rescue you, if God delights in you."
- 9 Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's
womb
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evildoers circle
around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones *
while they stare and gloat over me.
- 18 They divide my garments among them; *
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 19 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me .
- 20 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 22 I will declare your name to my kindred; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear God; *
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 24 For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them; *
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.
- 25 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship the Lord.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before
God.

- 28 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, *
who rules over the nations.
- 29 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
who rules over the nations.
- 30 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve God; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 31 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.

People: They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Leave in Silence

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

Servers

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