



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 9, 2020

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called in our baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As members of the priesthood of all believers, God grants us the authority to remind one another of the forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ. If you are with family, take some time to remind one another by laying hands on the head of another person and saying these words: "All your sins are forgiven by the grace of God through Jesus Christ. Amen."

If you live by yourself, you are invited to speak these words to yourself, remembering the grace of God in and for you.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 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.

WORD

LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10]11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

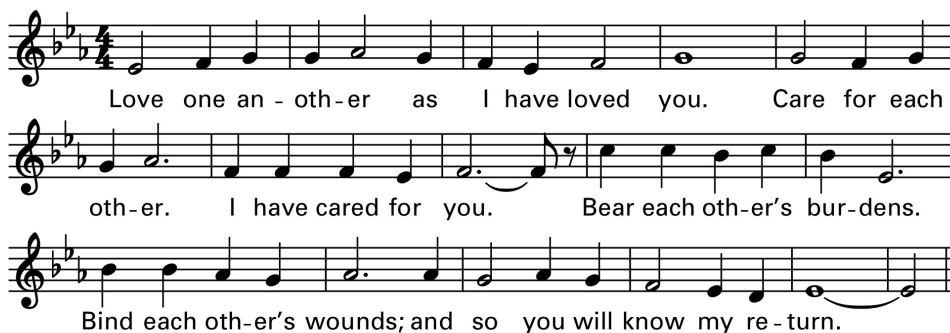
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Love One Another

B. DUFFORD



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Love One Another

See previous

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

HANDWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death. At this time we invite you into a ritual of handwashing. If you are worshipping on your own, you are invited to wash your hands for 20 seconds, being prayerful and intentional about the significance of this ritual. If you are with others, consider washing one another's hands.

If you would like to share your experience through pictures or short a video, please feel free to share them through the St. John's Facebook page.

MUSIC FOR HANDWASHING

So You Must Do

M. HAUGEN

Refrain sung first by choir, then by all. Verses sung by choir.

Je - sus, our teach - er and our Lord, stooped to
wash the feet of his dis - ci - ples, and he
told them, "This is an ex - am - ple; just as I have
done, so you must do."

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

*VERSES: When Jesus had gathered with those he loved, as a humble servant he knelt at their feet. Refrain.
With towel and basin he washed their feet, so that they might share in his passion and death. Refrain.
He asked, "Do you know what I have done? I give you a witness of what you must do." Refrain.
"As I, your teacher, have washed your feet, so must you be willing to serve in my name." Refrain.
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love each other as I have loved you." Refrain.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings. You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERING title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

After making your offering, please return to the Worship Service.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

L. ROSANIA

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

*We gather together in the love of Christ; let each one be glad in him and rejoice.
Our God is alive, the God of love is near; so love one another with a heart sincere. Refrain.*

*We, the many, become one body as the Spirit binds, and we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind.
Let all quarrels, all division, all our conflict cease; then will Christ truly dwell among us as our Lord of Peace.
Refrain.*

*Then, joined with the blessed, filled with hope and grace, dear Lord, in great glory may we see your face.
Our joy none can measure, joy that knows no end, resounding from endless age to age. Amen. Refrain.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is chanted as the altar decorations are stripped and removed.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher

Pastor Amy Kienzle

Assisting Minister

Cary Rodda

Assistant Director of Communications

Esperanza Foft

Director of Worship & Music

Steven Johnson

Assistant Director of Worship & Music

Eliseo Paniagua

Organ

Dr. Ryan Enright

Cantors

Joel Barkel, Josh Maddox, Heather Mercer,

Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell

Audio/Visual Technicians

John Bogni

