



# *Grace Episcopal Church*

## *Maundy Thursday*

*(all stand, it is customary to bow as the processional cross passes by)*

### ***The Procession***     *(the altar party enters in silence)*

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People:     **His mercy endures for ever**

### **The Collect for Purity**     *(said in unison)*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Trisagion**     *(said 3 times)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

**Have mercy upon us.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.     People:     **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

*(the people are seated)*

## ***The First Lesson***

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus:

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.(12:1-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***The Gradual***      *Psalm 116:1, 10-17*      *(said in unison)*

**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.**

**How shall I repay the LORD \* for all the good things he has done for me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \* in the presence of all his people.**

**Precious in the sight of the LORD \* is the death of his servants.**

**O LORD, I am your servant; \* I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the Name of the  
LORD.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \* in the presence of all his people,**

**In the courts of the LORD'S house, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## ***The Second Lesson***

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

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.(11:23-26)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn***      *My God Thy Table now is set*      ***H 321***  
***The Holy Gospel***

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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." Jesus said, "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."(13:1-17, 31b-35)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Sermon* (seated)

(silence follows the sermon)

### ***The Explanation of the Washing Of The Feet***

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to remember as I recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But remember as you leave this place his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

### ***Hymn***

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.  
I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.  
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

### ***The Prayers Of The People*** (The people stand or kneel)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, have mercy**"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Scott our own Bishop, for Frank our Bishop-Elect, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially our president, governor and mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Dan, Johnny, Gloria, Tasha, Joey, Keith, Chandler, Donna, Mitch, Jeanette, Una, Steven, Linda, Marcia, Larry, Alyssa, Jim, Tina, Greg, Denny, Carol, Vicky, Tristan, Rachel, Freddy, James and family, Tifani and Leland, Faye, Jerry, Jackie, Teresa, Shaun, Norene, Sandra, C.J., Andrea, Lonnie, Allen, Michelle, John, Sam, Frances, Bill, David, Jean, Zachary, Judy, Diane, Lauren, Barb, and Shary, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*(The Celebrant adds the following Doxology)*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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 a time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we wait with you in the darkness, we will watch with you now, in this moment when you need us. Help us to learn from your honesty, as we own our real feelings about the unchosen challenges in our own lives. We don't want this cup. Why me? Give us grace to walk through the valley, death's shadow, and come to the dawn of a new day with you. Amen.

## **The Prayer over the People**

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The priest and servers strip the altar. When the altar is stripped, the priest and servers leave in silence followed by the people. The Watch Has Begun....*

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