

The Gathering

The history of humanity is a story of occasional leaps in the right direction, followed by a return to the old ways. We go ahead two steps, back three. We don't always see where we are going or that God is with us. We join the Jews in the wilderness and Jesus on the streets of his time and place. Tonight we enter the upper room with the disciples, there to be with our Master for one last time before his ultimate sacrifice. We know that, like the disciples, we will affirm and deny. May we, also like the disciples, finally come to that moment when we meet a risen Lord and journey to the Kingdom at his side.



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land

Gethsemane American Folk Hymn c.1842
Setting by Roger C. Wilson

"When Jesus Wept" William Billings
Setting by Dennis Elliot

Variations on Southern Hymn Tunes Dale Wood
"There Is a Fountain" & "What Can Wash Away My Sins"

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed "Martyrdom"
Setting by Dennis Elliot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!
(Psalm 116:12-19)

HYMN

#576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. David Coggins

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

My sisters and brothers,
Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.
Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Response:

UMC #484 *Kyrie Eleison*



Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving:
help us now to grasp the nature of your love.

Help us to pray honestly
as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt: **(R)**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,
and have been quick to take offense ourselves: **(R)**

Where we have scorned difference
and have been indifferent to those in need: **(R)**

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,
and have ignored the injustice around us: **(R)**

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.
When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.
For your faithful love we praise you.
AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive
us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:9)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Larry Jacobs-Young

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

John 13:1-17, 31-35

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.

When he had gone out, 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."

MEDITATION

Rev. Timothy Forbess

"A Part of You Is Clean"

The Last Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup by Intinction

#461 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Congregation

Prayer with Ministers and
Symbolic Foot Washing in Front Pews

Hymn Selections

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts & Debtors*)

HYMN

#460 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

SONG OF WAITING

Chancel Choir

Lamb of God Twila Paris

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the song is sung the congregation will be asked to begin leaving in silence, reflecting on the meaning of the events of Christ's life and ministry we have remembered tonight.

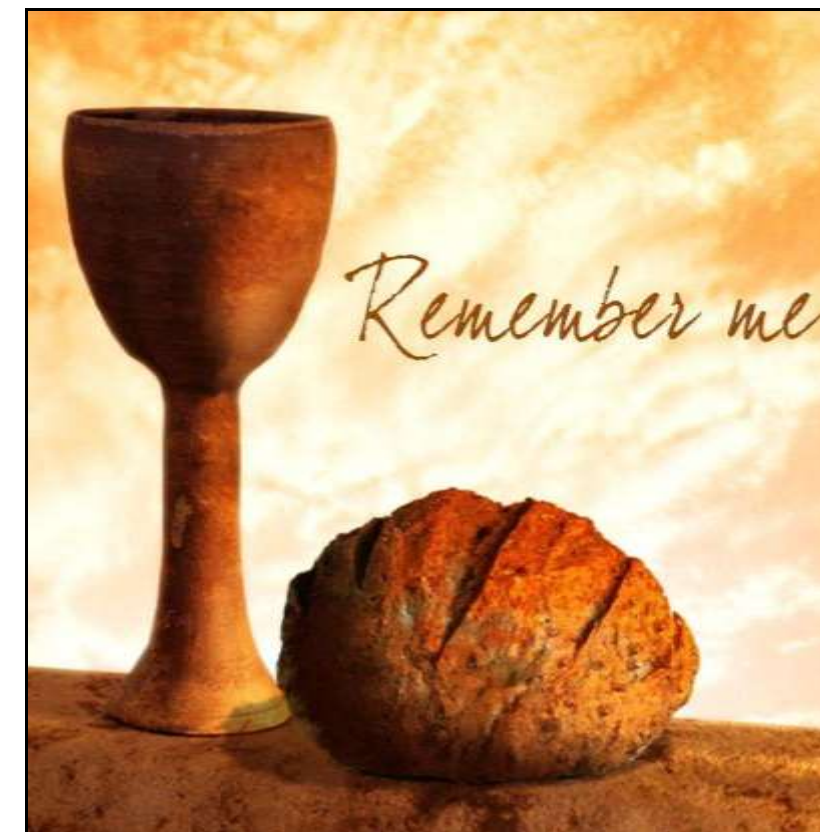
MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Thursday before Easter is called "Maundy" based on Christ's command, which in Latin is the word "mandatum," that his disciples should love one another. In fourth-century Jerusalem there were special services at the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, and in North Africa an evening Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper. By the sixth century in the West, the Blessing of Oils and the Reconciliation of Penitents took place on this day. By the Middle Ages the stripping and washing of altars and the "pedilavium" (foot washing) were added. The latter ceremony was sometimes performed by sovereigns, and the modern English Royal Maundy Service is a modified survival of this.

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