

Maundy Thursday

St. Georges Episcopal Church ~ Glenn Dale Parish

Diocese of Washington

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Welcome Zoom Participants! This will be a unique Zoom service when compared with other events that we will hold in that you are invited to enjoy virtual table fellowship with the others who will be in the sanctuary. At certain times during tonight's service, one of our hard-working technical directors will be spotlighting parish members who are participating at home on Zoom. If you prefer not to be shown on the big screen in the church, please feel free to click **Stop Video** when the service begins to turn off your computer's camera.

Prelude: "Thou Shalt Bring Them In" from *Israel in Egypt* by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Words of Welcome

Celebrant: Tonight, we gather at many tables and at the same time we are at one. Though many of us are disbursed and sitting in our homes, others are here in the Sanctuary and seated at the tables we are more accustomed to seeing in Miller Hall. Wherever you are, we all come together to observe Maundy Thursday. On this night we will reenact Jesus' last supper with his disciples as is the custom for Maundy Thursday. We welcome people in the "bubble" of their table to wash one another's feet—or hands. And for those of you at home please feel free to do the same when we arrive at that point in our service.

We will also share bread that has been pre-consecrated—both for those who are here at the church as well as for the people who are participating via Zoom. If any participating in this service remotely do not have a loaf of pre-consecrated bread, you may simply raise whatever type of bread you have for a blessing.

As our service moves toward its conclusion this evening, we will also do a stripping of the altar. This too may be done at home; we invite you to place a special object of focus onto the table where you are located—perhaps a favorite object like a cross or something of beauty like a plant. For at the time of the altar stripping, you will remove that object while we here in the sanctuary will remove the tables at which we are seated before moving into the space for our watch with Jesus after this service is completed.

At the sound of the chime, those who are present in the Sanctuary are invited to stand for our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn *The Sun Had Set for Passover*

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1. The sun had set for Pass-o - ver; his ho - ur was at hand. The
2. And when the meal had just be - gun, he got up from his seat. With
3. He took and blessed a loaf of bread to break and share with them. And
4. And next he raised the cup of wine to off - er as his blood. "This



eve - ning was ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night was near. Then
towel and ba - sin in hand, he knelt to bathe their feet. "As
said: "This is my bo - dy that's giv - en now for all. Sur-
wine poured out for man - y, my pre - sence for all time. I



Je - sus said: "Dear friends, I have longed to share this meal; to
I have done for you now, so you must do in turn. Ob-
- ren - dured soon my life as a sac - ri - fice of love. God's
will not drink this cup un - til the new day has dawned: The



show for you the way of love that casts out ev - 'ry fear."
- serve my new com - mand - ment to love as I love you."
cov - en - ant of peace re - newed for age - es yet to come."
day when God's new reign ar - rives and death is o - ver - come."

Collect

Celebrant: And so we pray:

On this night Jesus took a towel and basin to wash his disciples' feet, saying

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

Celebrant: On this night Jesus reminded them that there was no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends, and he said:

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

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

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

Commentator: *Cathy Coburn* -- Our first reading for this evening from the Hebrew Scriptures describes the original Passover. God protects the people of Israel as the Angel of Death sweeps through the land of Egypt. The passage also describes the first Passover meal, which Jesus and his disciples observed on the night before he died.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 *Read by Lydia Murray*

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.

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. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Commentator: For hundreds of years the people of Israel celebrated the Passover by remembering how God had led them from bondage to freedom; and every year they remembered God's everlasting love for God's people. Now we recall Jesus gathering with his disciples to celebrate the Passover once again. In the Gospel of John, we learn how, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, putting into action his new commandment that they are to love one another as he loves them.

The Proclamation of the Gospel John 13:1-7

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."

Washing of Feet

Celebrant: In our observations of this night in recent years, we have made ourselves vulnerable, baring our feet, permitting others to wash them; and then we turn around to wash the other's feet. This year, I invite you to wash the feet or hands of the members of your "bubble," at your table in the church or in your home. If this is not a comfortable or convenient option for you, I invite you to perform acts of sacrifice and kindness, instead. This too is a way to embody Jesus's commandment to love one another. In the spirit of washing one another's feet, I invite you in the next few minutes or in the next day or so to perform a virtual washing of another's feet. If you live with someone, do for them some special form of service. Or go to your phone later this evening to reach out to someone and open your heart to them in conversation.

Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu. Levas # 74 verses 1-3, 5*

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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash es their
Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash es their



feet, Mast - er who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
feet, Mast - er who acts as a slave to them.

The Proclamation of the Gospel John 13:12-15

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. The Gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Reflections The Rev. Todd Thomas

Offertory: *We Gather at Your Table Lord Voices Found # 89*



We ga - ther at your ta - ble, Lord: We humb - ly lift our hearts to you! Here
We share this meal and we are fed. Such ba - sic gifts be - come your sign: We
God, pour your Spir - it on us all, And on these gifts that we re - ceive; For
From North and South, from West and East, Now re - con - ciled, we gath - er near; We



all are wel - comed, all re - stored, And all are giv - en work to do.
see you bro - ken in the bread; We know your love in com - mon wine.
in Christ's pres - ence we re - call His life and death, and so be - lieve.
taste your King - dom's ban - quet feast, So find - ing strength to serve you here.

Collect for Maundy Thursday

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, 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.*

Commentator: In our next reading, Paul describes how Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he died in accordance with the tradition of his ancestors; and then he shared the gifts of bread and wine that form the basis of our Eucharistic celebration.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 *Read by Terry Lawlah*

For 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. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing in the breaking of bread

After raising a loaf or piece of bread all pray together. Those on Zoom do so with microphones muted.

Bless this bread, may it sustain us this night.

Bless this bread, the common bread of our daily living.

Bless this bread that we may eat it to remember Jesus and his Last Supper.

Bless this bread that it might empower us to be Christ's body in the world. Amen.

Celebrant: As our anthem choir sings *Bread for the World*, I invite you to break the pre-consecrated bread and share with one another at your table using the words: "*The body of Christ.*"

Communion Anthem: *Bread for the World* by Dennis Elliot performed by the Anthem Choir.

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed
and be the feast by us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.
Sit at this place dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread.
O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said:
"This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit make us whole;
remember me with food, the token, bread of the soul,
wine of the soul, wine of the world, Bread of the world.*

After raising the cups of pre-consecrated wine or other beverage, all pray together.

(Mute all microphones on Zoom.)

Blessing of Wine

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

You create the fruit of the vine;
and you refresh us with the cup of salvation,
as we remember Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen.

May the time come quickly when we can all share that cup again,
even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you
Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, we open our hearts to God in gratitude:

**ALL: Holy One, we give thanks to you.
We thank you for feeding us with your presence.
Above all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son,
who gave himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice.
Help us to follow in his example,
and to learn to give ourselves away for love, as Jesus did. Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: On this night, in the midst of the festival celebrating the freedom you gave our ancestors the Israelites, we give you thanks that still you free us and show us how to be a new kind of people. You call us to love one another the way you love us—extravagantly and without reservation, even to the end. We see your abundance, your joy, and the true meaning of love—to be broken and poured out for others. You have broken yourself open to show us love and life. Help us to do the same, loving, serving, and caring for your world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

What Wondrous Love is This? Hymnal 1982 # 439, verse 1

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.

Commentator: As the Passover Meal comes to an end and the final hymn of praise had been sung, Jesus and his disciples depart from the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives where he asks them to keep vigil as he goes further into the garden to pray.

Second Gospel Mark 14: 26-36 Read by Connie

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Stripping the Altar

Celebrant: As the cantors sing the hymn, follow the lead of the ushers to fold the tables in the Sanctuary and then stand as directed in a large socially distanced semi-circle in front of the Ambry. For those participating via Zoom, we invite you to do a symbolic stripping of the space in which you are attending the service, perhaps by removing one or more objects from a table as you sing the hymn with your microphones muted.

Triduum Hymn for Maundy Thursday Hymnal 1982 # 439/Gather # 295 verses 1, 4-5

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What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
As ser-vant, then, he knelt at their feet, at their feet, As
"What I have done for you in my love, in my love, What



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
ser-vant, then, he knelt at their feet; As ser-vant, then, he
I have done for you in my love, What I have done for



this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my
knelt, a ser-vant's towel for belt, He showed the love he felt at their
you, so you are called to do, To be a ser-vant true in your



soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
feet, at their feet, He showed the love he felt at their feet.
love, in your love. To be a ser-vant true in your love."

***Within Our Darkest Night* Gather #456**

Mark 14: 37-40

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

***Stay with Me* WLP # 826**

Following a few moments of silence, we pray

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, as I watch and pray,

ALL: Remain here with me



The congregation departs in silence

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary to participate in the Watch.
You may also attend a virtual watch by using the Zoom link for the Maundy Thursday service from the
conclusion of this service until 7:00 am on Good Friday.*

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