



The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND WORDS OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE EVENING

TONIGHT WE REMEMBER

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as he loved us, we also should love one another.

On this day

Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day

Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day

Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as Christ has done to us. Christ our God gave us the holy feast, that we who eat the bread and drink the cup, may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ST. ELIZABETH



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! King of cre - a - tion! Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 flowers of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er; he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, like Peter, we have denied you;

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, like other disciples, we have forsaken you;

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us when we allow suffering to continue
 because we are afraid to commit the resources necessary
 to alleviate the pain of the world.

Tonight we are grateful that you have remained
 faithful to us when you suffered death, even death on a cross.

We plead for your forgiveness and mercy.

Open our hearts, our hands, and our souls as you have done,
 so that we might seize the day to serve in your name...

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with one another)

SONG

"The Servant Song"

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we are trav - elers on the road.
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear.

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
We are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4 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.

5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples

(John 13)

Jesus knew on the evening of Passover Day that it would be his last night on earth before returning to his Father...And how he loved his disciples! So Jesus got up from the supper table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his loins, poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he had around him.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Master, you shouldn't be washing our feet like this!" Jesus replied, "You don't understand now why I am doing it; some day you will." "No," Peter protested, "you shall never wash my feet!" "But if I don't, you can't be my partner," Jesus replied.

♫ One candle at each table is extinguished

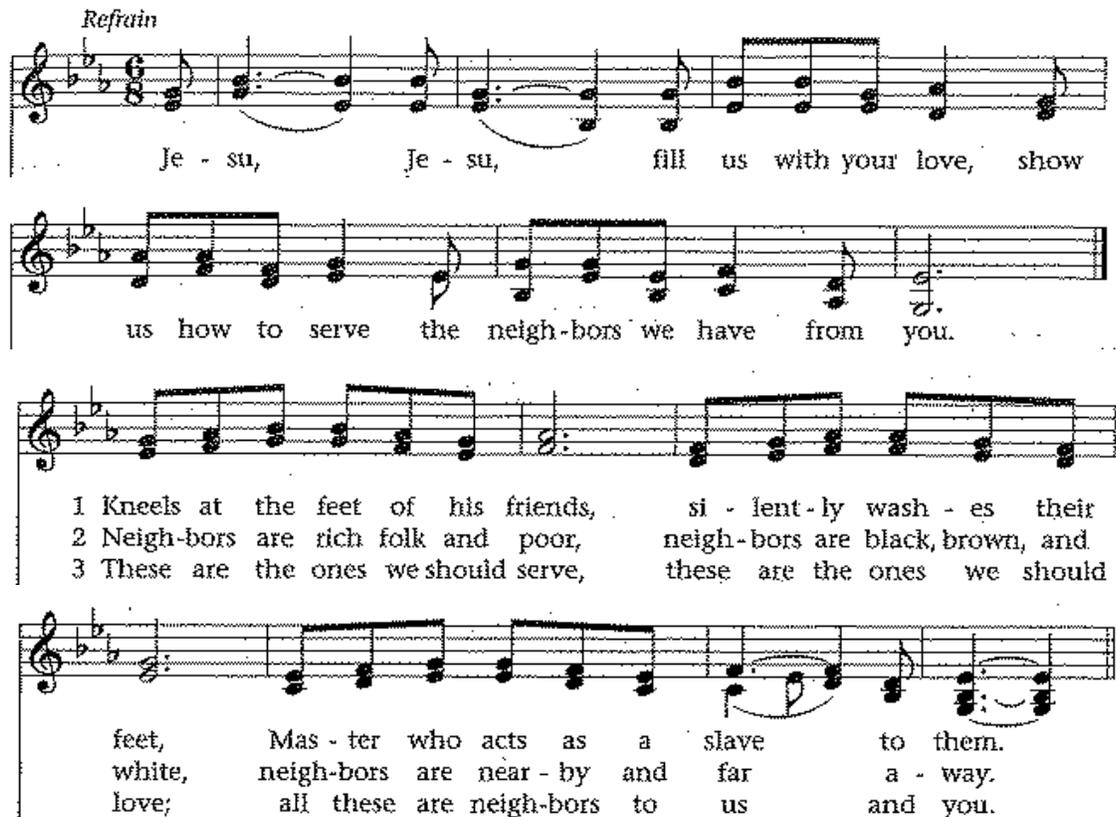
WE REFLECT ON THE MINISTRY OF JESUS AS A SERVANT - FOOT WASHING

SONG

"*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*"

CHERE PONI

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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

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

Jesus shares Himself through the Bread and the Cup (Luke 22)

Then Jesus and the others arrived, and at the proper time all sat down together at the table; and Jesus said, "I have looked forward to this hour with deep longing, anxious to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat it again until what it represents has occurred in the Kingdom of God."

Then Jesus took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks for it, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."

Then Jesus took a loaf of bread; and when he had thanked God for it, he broke it apart and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Eat it in remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus gave them another cup of wine, saying, "This wine is the token of God's new covenant with you—an agreement sealed with the blood I shall pour out for you."

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SONG "Let us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;

let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

WE REMEMBER JESUS THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LITURGY FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Student: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

All: **We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Student: What do we remember at this table?

Minister: Most righteous God we remember in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. Christ took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There Christ made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before Christ suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until Christ comes again.

Student: Let us proclaim together the mystery of the faith:

All: **Dying, Christ destroyed death; Rising, Christ restores life. Lord Jesus, will come again in glory!**

Minister: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION A Moment of Silent Prayers

Jesus warns Peter and Prays in Gethsemane **(Matthew 26)**

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight you will all desert me. For it is written in the Scriptures that God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I have been brought back to life again, I will go to Galilee and meet you there." Peter declared, "If everyone else deserts you, I won't." Jesus told him, "The truth is that this very night, before the cock crows at dawn, you will deny me three times!" "I would die first!" Peter insisted. And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus brought them to a garden grove, Gethsemane, and told them to sit down and wait while he went on ahead to pray. Jesus took Peter with him and Zebedee's two sons James and John, and began to be filled with anguish and despair. Then Jesus told them, "My soul is crushed with horror and sadness to the point of death . . . stay here . . . stay awake with me."

Jesus went forward a little, and fell face downward on the ground, and prayed, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup be taken away from me. But I want your will, not mine." Then Jesus returned to the three disciples and found them asleep. "Peter," he called, "couldn't you even stay awake with me one hour? Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For the spirit indeed is willing, but how weak the body is!"

Again Jesus left them and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot go away until I drink it all, your will be done." He returned to them again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy, so he went back to prayer the third time, saying the same things again. Then Jesus came to the disciples and said, "Sleep on now and take your rest . . . but no! The time has come! I am betrayed into the hands of evil men! Up! Let's be going! Look! Here comes the man who is betraying me!"

⌘ One candle at each table is extinguished

SONG: "What Wondrous Love is this?"

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.

Jesus is betrayed, arrested and deserted

(Matthew 26)

At that very moment while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived with a great crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent by the Jewish leaders. Judas had told them to arrest the man he greeted, for that would be the one they were after. So now Judas came straight to Jesus and said, "Hello, Master!" and embraced him in friendly fashion.

Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed him. One of the men with Jesus pulled out a sword and slashed off the ear of the high priest's servant. "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those using swords will get killed. Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what is happening now?" Then Jesus spoke to the crowd. "Am I some dangerous criminal," he asked, "that you had to arm yourselves with swords and clubs before you could arrest me? I was with you teaching daily in the Temple and you didn't stop me then. But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures."

At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⌘ One candle at each table is extinguished

SONG: "What Wondrous Love is this?"

2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing
down Be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.

Jesus is Denied by Peter

(Matthew 26)

Then the mob led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where all the Jewish leaders were gathering. Meanwhile, Peter was following far to the rear, and came to the courtyard of the high priest's house and went in and sat with the soldiers, and waited to see what was going to be done to Jesus.

Later, as Peter was sitting in the courtyard, a girl came over and said to him, "You were with Jesus, for both of you are from Galilee."

But Peter denied it loudly. "I don't even know what you are talking about," he angrily declared. Later, out by the gate, another girl noticed him and said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus—from Nazareth."

Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said. But after a while the men who had been standing there came over to him and said, "We know you are one of his disciples, for we can tell by your Galilean accent." Peter began to curse and swear. "I don't even know the man," he said. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And Peter went away, crying bitterly.

† Last candle at each table is extinguished

POSTLUDE

THE PRAYER OF CHALICE

Beloved, to Thee I raise my whole being,
a vessel emptied of self. Accept, O Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thy Self --- Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life --- that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day,
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy joy
and
Wholeness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.

