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**Maundy Thursday
Agape Meal & Service**
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING HYMN: Jesu, Jesu



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 wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Celebrant Let us pray:
Gracious God, we welcome your presence with us. May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, hearts and minds. And may our spirits be refreshed as we live in the light of your presence with us now, and at all times and places. **AMEN.**

Reader Why do we gather here on this night?

Celebrant We gather on this night to be united with Christ and our spiritual ancestors who have gone before us, as we remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his companions when he instituted the Eucharist, modeled

servanthood, and gave his disciples a new mandate to follow.

Reader What does the word "Maundy" mean?

Celebrant The term "Maundy" is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, which means *commandment*. This refers to Jesus' command on this night to "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus models this commandment through an act of humility and service when he washes the disciples' feet.

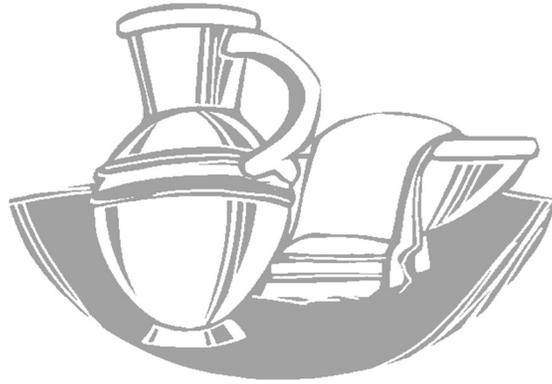
All **God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together to love one another as Jesus has loved us. Form us into a holy community of your own people. Mold us by the breath of your Holy Spirit to be the corporate body: the hands and feet in this world of your anointed Christ. AMEN.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 WASHING OF HANDS

As early as the seventh century, abbots would wash the feet of monks, kings, and peasants to make a living sign of Christ's "mandatum" (commandment) to "love one another as I have loved you." Instead of washing our feet, you are invited to come forward to have your hands washed and then to wash the hands of the person who comes next.



HYMNS DURING HAND WASHING:

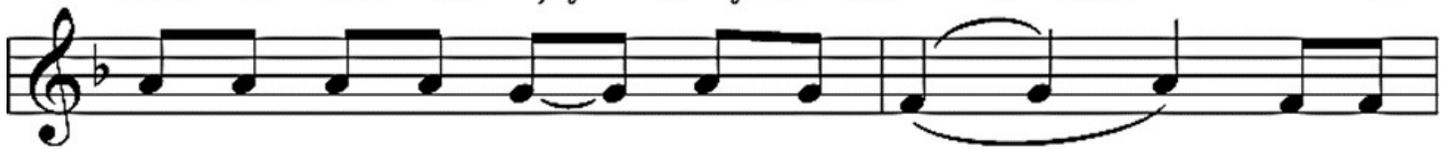
Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God



1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
2 ♯ Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯
3 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -



ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence ♯ and
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



new a right spir - it with - in me.
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
hold me with your free Spir - it.

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands



1 Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all, heal - ing pain and
 2 Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you; make them strong and



sick - ness, bless - ing chil - dren small, wash - ing tired feet and
 gen - tle, kind in all I do; let me watch you, Je - sus,



sav - ing those who fall; Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
 till I'm gen - tle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

THE AGAPE FEAST Blessing of the Food (Eat, talk, and enjoy!)



*This Week's Readers: **Ann Farrell & Dave Farrell**
 Good Friday (12 noon): **Selia Tuten**
 Easter Sunday: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed***

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 116:1, 10-17 – *Dilexi, quoniam*

¹I 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.

¹⁰How shall I repay the Lord*

for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation*

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹²I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*

in the presence of all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight of the Lord*

is the death of his servants.

¹⁴O Lord, I am your servant;*

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

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*

in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷In the courts of the Lord's house,*

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

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.

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SHARED REFLECTIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN: Take My Hands



1. Take my hands, oh, take my hands. Take my hands, oh,
2. Guide my feet, oh, guide my feet. Guide my feet, oh,
3. Tune my heart, oh, tune my heart. Tune my heart, oh,
4. Bless my soul, oh, bless my soul. Bless my soul, oh,



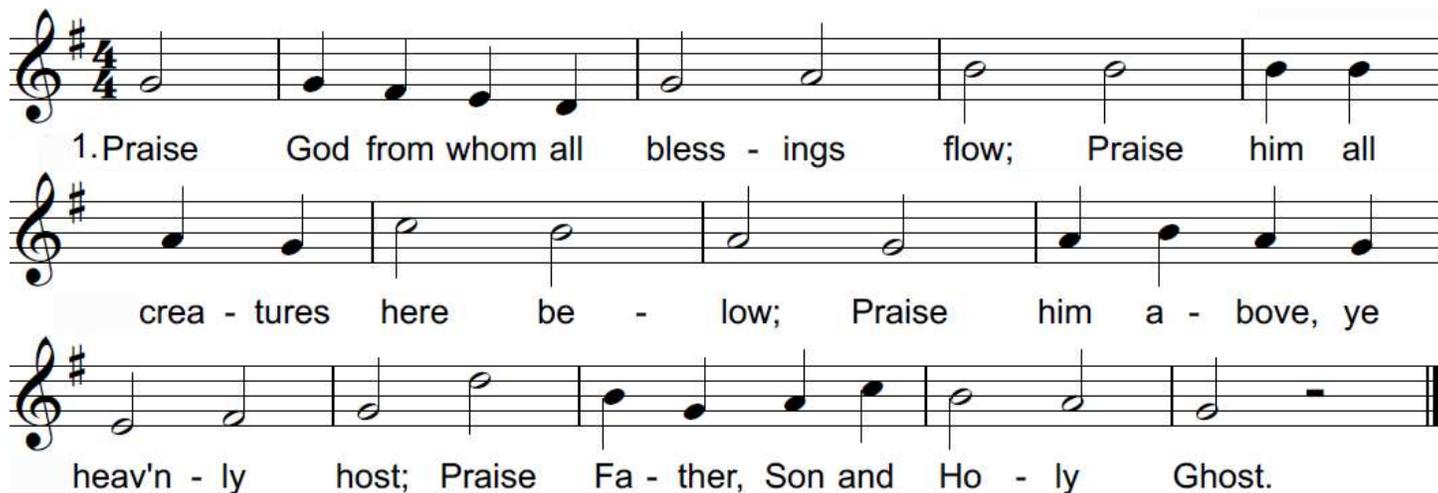
take my hands. Let them bless; let them
guide my feet. Help them move; help them
tune my heart. Make it sing; make it
bless my soul. I am yours; I am



o - pen wide. Take my hands, O God.
lead the way. Guide my feet, O God.
full of love. Tune my heart, O God.
in your hands. Bless my soul, O God.

An offering will be taken during this hymn. The loose offering will go to support the Wednesday Community Supper at Grace and the outreach ministry of American Lutheran.

DOXOLOGY



1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant begins:

Meek and majestic God, you called the children of Abraham to be your people. You gave them freedom in the parting of the sea and marked them for life with the blood of the Lamb. In Jesus you laid aside the robe of your majesty and knelt among your children, facing humiliation and rejection. In his agony in the garden and suffering on the cross you showed the world the extent of your love and your longing to bring us home to the throne where we shall join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising your holy name with this unending praise:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant continues:

While they were gathered around the dinner table, Jesus took bread and, having blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his

disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you." Breathe your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon this bread, that it may become for us the food of Jesus, his body, broken for us.

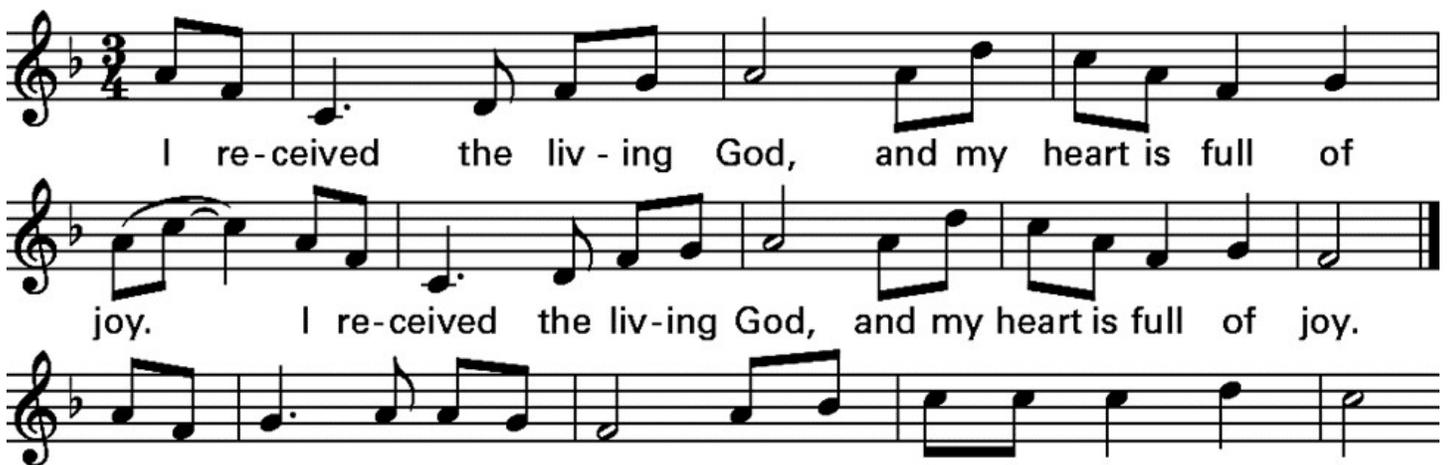
BLESSING OF THE WINE

Celebrant continues:

"This cup is my blood which is shed for you. Take now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of me."

*The Celebrants pass the bread and the wine around the table.
Everyone takes a piece of bread and may dip or drink from the cup.*

COMMUNION HYMN: I Received The Living God



The image shows the first two staves of a musical score for the hymn 'I Received The Living God'. The music is written in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy. I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.'

1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,



The image shows the third staff of the musical score for the hymn 'I Received The Living God'. The lyrics are: '1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev - er fear to die.''

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2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re - ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we journey with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For the Christian church throughout the world, as we share in the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who minister in Christ, and especially for all the people of God. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are addicted, abused, oppressed, afflicted, or in any need. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn.

(People may add specific names either silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love.

(People may add specific names either silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those we have promised to pray for.

(People may add specific names either silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, holy is 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

TRANSITION TO GETHSEMANE

READING Luke 22:39-53

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood

falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"



PROCESSION TO THE SANCTUARY

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION: We Will Lay Our Burden Down



1. We will lay our bur - den down, We will
2. We will light the flame of love, We will
3. We will show both hurt and hope, We will
4. We will walk the path of peace, We will



lay our bur - den down, We will lay our bur - den
light the flame of love, We will light the flame of
show both hurt and hope, We will show both hurt and
walk the path of peace, We will walk the path of



down, In the hands of our lov - ing Lord.
love, In the hands of our lov - ing Lord.
hope, In the hands of our lov - ing Lord.
peace, Hand in hand with our lov - ing Lord.



Please be seated as the Altar Guild strips the altar.

ANTHEM: *Awake, Alone in Gethsemane*

Celebrant:

Twilight in Gethsemane, shadows shroud the olive trees.

Twisting branches, darkening paths.

On the mountain, night falls fast.

Jesus, with treasured friends, comes to pray 'mid changing winds.

Good and gladsome memories fade with the press of treachery.

Awake, alone in Gethsemane.

His friends are heavy-eyed. Resting from sorrow, they lie.

Strong pleas He makes. Not one stays awake.

See, now an angel gives Him aid,

Strength for bearing all the world's shame.

Anguished, His prayers ascend to God,

While from His brow comes sweat like blood.

"Father, let this cup pass by!" "Not my will, but yours," He cries.

Willing to drink its bitterness, rising to face the traitor's kiss.

Awake, alone in Gethsemane.

***You may leave in silence or stay for a while to pray in quiet.
The church will be open for another hour for prayer.***

