The Church of

Rittenhouse Square

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing

Love one another,





as I have loved you

April 6, 2023

WELCOME! WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE WITH US TODAY!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Masks: Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags (you can even decorate your own) in the back near the service bulletins.

During The Peace, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing peace signs, or using fist/elbow bumps. Please be sure your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

Offering: You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion Those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to join us for communion. If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

More Information? visit our website www.htrit.org and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

We ask that you turn off or silence your Cell Phone during the service. Thank you!

ABOUT THIS SERVICE:

The liturgy of Maundy Thursday, observed on the Thursday in Holy Week, is the first service of the Triduum, the three holy days leading up to Easter. The word "maundy" comes from the Latin mandatum, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus gave to his disciples on the night he was betrayed. The Gospel of John also describes, on that same night, Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist and his washing of the disciples' feet

Tonight we will be remembering the last night Jesus spent with his disciples – washing each other's feet and sharing the bread and wine – the sacrament of holy communion. You are invited to participate in each moment – remembering and journeying with Jesus through this holiest week of our church year.

JOIN US FOR THE REMAINDER OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Good Friday 12:00 pm Holy Saturday 9:00 am Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Easter Day 11:00 am *

* Easter Egg Hunt follows in the Square

THE TRIDUUM: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Prelude

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross

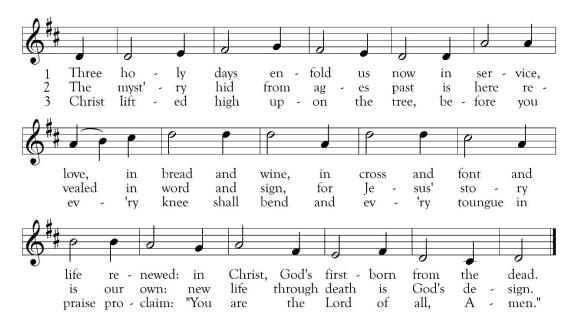
Johann Sebastian Bach

O man, thy grievous sin bemoan, whence, from His Father's bosom flown, to earth came Christ, our Savior; Of virgin mother, undefiled, for us was born the holy Child, to be our Mediator. Unto the dead new life He gave, the sick from every ill He saved, until His hour of anguish, when He would be our sacrifice, pay for our sins the awful price, yea, on the cross would languish.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Welcome

The Entrance Hymn



Presider

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People

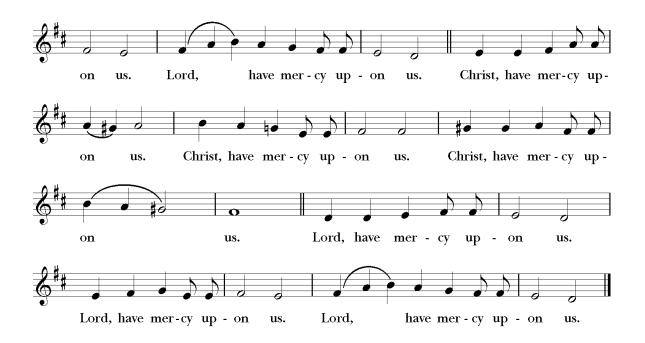
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Presider

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.**

Kyrie: S-91





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Sally Griffith

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.

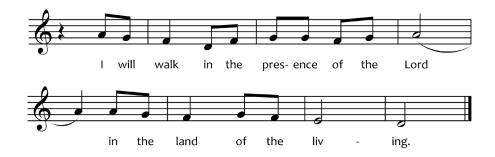
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116 Dilexi, quoniam

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all:



- How can I repay the Lord * for the goodness done for me?
- The cup of salvation I raise * and call on the Name of the Lord.
- To the Lord I will pay my vows * before all the people.

All sing the antiphon.

- How precious the death of the saints * those who remain faithful to God!
- Lord God, I am your slave * the child of a faithful mother; you have loosed my bonds, you have set me free.

All sing the antiphon.

- ¹⁵ A sacrifice of thanks I bring * and call on your name.
- ¹⁶ To the Lord I will pay my vows * before all the people.
- I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of God * in the midst of Jerusalem.

All sing the antiphon.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Ieannie Welsh

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter 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.



6 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Celebrant

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.

"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 the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Beth Hollingshead
Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate

The Foot Washing

Presider

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

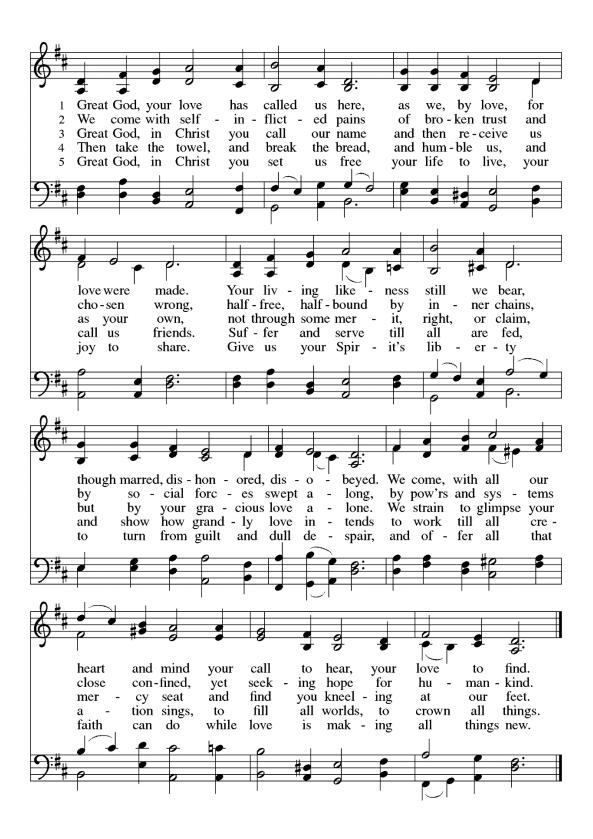
People

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Presider By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

All are invited to come forward and have their feet washed and/or wash the feet of another.

Hymn



The Prayers of the People

Ben Leiby

Leader As we begin these sacred three days and prepare through fasting and prayer to

celebrate the paschal feast, let us earnestly pray to God for all those gathered

tonight with Christ and for all peoples everywhere.

Leader For the God's holy church throughout the world, sharing the death and

resurrection of Christ.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Daniel, our bishop, for clergy and lay leaders, for all who minister in Christ,

and for all the holy people of God.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

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

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Remembering all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the

living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord.

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us food and drink as the body

and blood of Christ. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and grant that all who come to your table may love and

serve you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Your financial gifts help the church to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. We invite you to give a gift/pledge to the church during the Offertory. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 7325 or use the QR Code on page 3.

Anthem Ubi caritas Maurice Duruflé

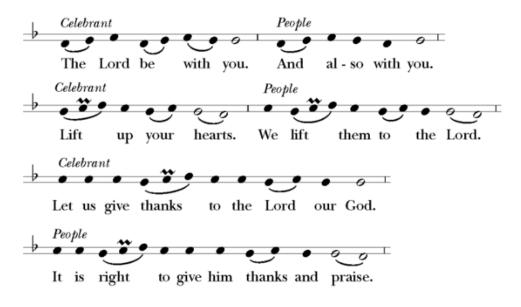
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

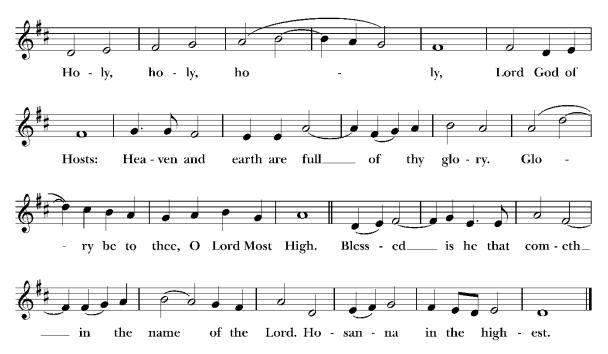
Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1



Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-114



The people remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

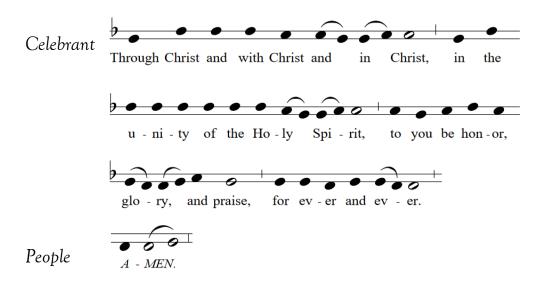
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

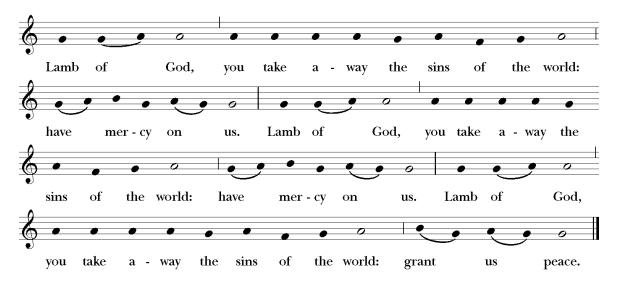
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Silence is observed

Agnus Dei: S-160



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available to offer healing prayers during communion.



After the distribution of Communion, the consecrated bread and wine that will be used on Good Friday will be carried to the Prayer Corner and placed into the Tabernacle on the Altar of Repose.

The Altar and Sanctuary are then stripped as the Choir sings Psalm 22 and the altar is washed. The congregation may kneel or sit. All who wish to help with the stripping of the altar are welcome to come forward during the hymn.

Following the Stripping of the Altar, the people leave the church in silence.

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