



March 28, 2023

REVERENCE

Salutation

Call to Worship.....*John 13:1-9*
Matt Allhands

Prayer of Invocation*Matt Allhands*

Song of Invocation.....*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Scripture Reading.....*Luke 22:1-13*

RECONCILIATION

Scripture Call to Confession*from Psalm 130*

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession*Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)*

Assurance of God's Grace.....*from John 16:31-33; Hebrews 10:23*

Song of Assurance.....*He Will Hold Me Fast*

REVELATION

Gloria Patri

Homily*1 John 3:20*

20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

"There is nothing like looking if you want to find something. You certainly usually find something, if you look, but it is not always quite the something you were after."

— J.R.R. Tolkien

"Why do we marry, why take friends and lovers? Why give ourselves to music, painting, chemistry or cooking? Out of simple delight in the resident goodness of creation, of course; but out of more than that, too. Half earth's gorgeousness lies hidden in the glimpsed city it longs to become."

— Robert Farrar Capon

"Maundy Thursday is so called because that night, the night before he was betrayed, Jesus gave the command, the mandatum, that we should love one another. Not necessarily with the love of our desiring, but with a demanding love, even a demeaning love—as in washing the feet of faithless friends who will run away and leave you naked to your enemies."

— Richard John Neuhaus

"To crave and to have are as like as a thing and its shadow. For when does a berry break upon the tongue as sweetly as when one longs to taste it, and when is the taste refracted into so many hues and savors of ripeness and earth, and when do our senses know any thing so utterly as when we lack it? And here again is a foreshadowing -- the world will be made whole. For to wish for a hand on one's hair is all but to feel it. So whatever we may lose, very craving gives it back to us again."

— Marilynne Robinson

RESPONSE

Song of Response.....Of The Father's Love Begotten

RENEWAL

Time of Prayer and Fellowship

Song of Renewal.....There is a Fountain

REST

Benediction

RELEVANCE

Maundy Thursday

After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He later went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the temple guard and taken to an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin.

“During the last few days, Jesus and His disciples had steadily journeyed from Galilee toward Jerusalem. On the sunlight hillsides of Galilee, Jesus was popular, the crowds were friendly and the future was bright. Even his entry into Jerusalem had been marked by a joyous welcome. But in Jerusalem there was a growing darkness as the crowds began to draw back from the man who spoke of commitment and servanthood. There was an ominous tone in the murmuring of the Sadducees and Pharisees who were threatened by the new future Jesus proclaimed.

Even as Jesus and his disciples came together to share this meal, they already stood in the shadow of the cross. It was later that night, after the meal, as Jesus and His disciples were praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, that Jesus was arrested and taken to the house of Caiaphas the High Priest. On Friday He would die.”

“In any case, this Thursday of Holy Week is remembered as the time Jesus ate a final meal together with the men who had followed him for so long.”

“Traditionally in the Christian Church, this day is known as Maundy Thursday. The term Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (from which we get our English word *mandate*), from a verb that means “to give,” “to entrust,” or “to order.” The term is usually translated “commandment,” from John’s account of this Thursday night. According to the Fourth Gospel, as Jesus and the Disciples were eating their final meal together before Jesus’ arrest, he washed the disciples’ feet to illustrate humility and the spirit of servanthood. After they had finished the meal, as they walked into the night toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught his disciples a “new” commandment that was not really new (John 13:34-35):”

Prayer

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Announcements

SERVICE TIMES

Good Friday: 6:30pm

Easter Sunday: 10:30am

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for brunch before Easter service at 9:15am.

Please bring food to share: (first letter of last name)

A-I: Something Sweet (cookies, pancakes...)

J-S: Something Savory (egg casserole, bagels, sausage,...)

T-Z: Something Fresh (fruit, or vegetables)

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