

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment mandatum, the new commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you."

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to amend our lives continues with us because of God's love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lamb of God (music at end of bulletin)

The Gospel:

Luke 22:40-44

4º When he reached the garden, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." [a] 4¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 4² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." [[4³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 4⁴ In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] [b]

Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land [b] until three in the afternoon, 45 while the sun's light failed; [c] and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

The Maundy Thursday Reflection: "Into Your Hands"

Hymn: When We are Tested (music at end of bulletin)

The Maundy Thursday Instruction

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us pray:

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

- P: As Jesus washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, Peter said, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head." So too we ask for this cleansing.
- C: We have come here soiled muddied by the society which surrounds us, dirty from the roads we have traveled, made ugly by the impulses to which we have yielded, and wearied by our struggle against evil. Pour over us the water of your Spirit, cleanse us with your grace, and apply to us the benefits of your sacrifice. Amen.
- P: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." Let these words be your assurance of forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn: In Remembrance

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface:

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: 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.

Words of Institution:

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty, verses 1, 3, 4 & 6 (music at end of bulletin)

The Blessing

The Post-Communion Prayer:

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane, verses 1-3 (music at end of bulletin)

The Reading of Psalm 22

Stripping of the Altar

After the Psalm, no further words are said. There is no benediction, no postlude, because we continue the service through Good Friday and up to Easter morning. The church is left in semi-darkness and all leave the church in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m.: In-person Worship Online – Tenebrae Worship

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 a.m. – Parking Lot Worship Online Worship



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Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

 Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Go to Dark Gethsemane

