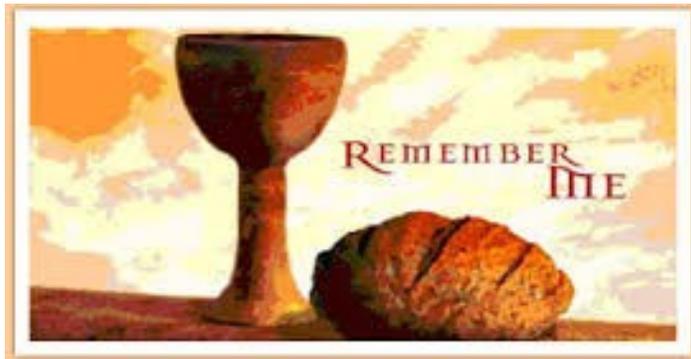




MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2022





Prelude—"O Mensch, Bewein" - J.S. Bach

Welcome

Opening hymn, (VU #129) 'Said Judas to Mary'

Said Judas to Mary,
"Now what will you do with your ointment
so rich and so rare?"
"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord
and I'll wipe it away with my hair,"
she said, "Wipe it away with my hair."

"Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor -
this ointment, it could have been sold,
and think of the blankets and think of the bread
you could buy with the silver and gold,"
he said, - "buy with the silver and gold."

"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor,
tomorrow," she said, "not today,
for dearer than all of the poor in the world
is my love who is going away,"
she said, "my love who is going away."

Said Jesus to Mary,
"Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow you say I am going away,
but my body I leave with you still,"
he said, "my body I leave with you still."

"The poor of the world are my body," he said,
to the end of the world they shall be;
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor
you'll know, you have given to me."

"My body will hang on the cross of the world
tomorrow," he said, "not today,
and Martha and Mary will find me again
and wash all my sorrow away," he said,
"wash all my sorrow away."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

O God, your Son Jesus Christ taught us to be servants to one another and also left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate these signs of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scripture Reading

A Reading from John, chapter 13, beginning at the first verse.

John 13: 1-17.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hand Washing

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come to one of the washing tables.

Our Lord washed feet because in those days, it was the feet that were the dirtiest- no shoes, often no sandals, so liturgically, they washed feet to show reverence for the Lord before entering the Temple. Today, our hands are what need cleaning before a meal, so we will be following Jesus' lead by washing each other's hands so that we can recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-28

Matthew 26:17-30

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us humbly listen to the Spirit speaking to our hearts.
Thanks be to God.

Silence

Offertory hymn, (CP #190) 'Go to Dark Gethsemane'

Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and gall!
O the pangs his souls sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this evening. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you have created us and stay with us even when we turn from you. Through Christ you gather us new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed. Therefore, with saints, and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all children of God, we joyfully praise you singing:

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

Celebrant: All glory to you Giver of Life sufficient for all creation, accept our praises, living God for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who on a night like this, the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Therefore God of creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus, our Redeemer, we meet you in glory. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, and confront us with your justice.

Because you are one of us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray in the words you have taught us as we sing:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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 for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread of life recalling the body
of Christ broken for us. We lift up the cup of
salvation and call upon your name.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion:

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 loved them. Write this commandment in our
hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant
of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. Amen.

All: **Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing hymn, (CP #192) **'Were You There?'**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he burst the bonds of death?
Were you there when he burst the bonds of death?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
To tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when he burst the bonds of death?

Blessing

Stripping of the Altar - SILENCE

At the end of the service, the ornaments and cloths on the altar and other places will be removed. During the removal, Matthew 26:30-46 and Psalm 22 will be read.

The congregation will then leave in silence.

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