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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1, 2021

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HOLY WEEK
Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 2021

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn

Presider: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

People: Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Presider: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,

People: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

THE PSALMS

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

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.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For 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.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (13:1-17, 31B-35)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

When he had gone out, 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION – Amy Pauley

Today is Holy Thursday. It is just after the Last Supper, and Jesus is washing the disciples' feet. In this act of service, Jesus tells his followers who they are and what they do. We are loved by God. That is who we are. What we do is – we love each other. These teachings are the heart of our faith. And yet, there is resistance.

Today, we focus on Peter's resistance. While he wants to accept God's love, Peter resists the way God loves him. God serves to love. We can also resist God's love. The love that serves and saves our souls.

Tomorrow, Jesus dies on the cross. It is the ultimate act of service. Today, we pray and prepare ourselves to accept fully the grace of God's loving service.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells us we are good enough and clean enough to be served by God. Before he tells us, Jesus acts it out. He takes off his coat, kneels on the floor, and washes the disciples' feet. God is acting like a servant.

Peter is confused, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" At this point, Peter does not even know for certain that Jesus is God. For Peter, Jesus is a master, a teacher, and a Lord. Servants take care of the vital needs of others. They do the washing, clothing, watering, cooking. A master who does this is turning the socially expected upside down. Jesus shows us that the first will be last and leaders serve.

Peter refuses, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus says, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Peter wants so badly to be with Jesus that he overreacts, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Wash everything! Peter does not understand the point. So, Jesus teaches. He makes plain that this cleansing of the feet is connected to God’s commitment to us made in Baptism.

Baptism is a 2-way commitment. God commits to us and to washing away our sin. And we commit to God and to accept God’s loving and cleansing service in our lives.

Tomorrow, Jesus will be crucified for us. God loves us to the point of suffering death to overcome sin.

So, why do we resist God’s loving service? One common reason is that we think we are not good or clean enough. And not feeling good or clean enough relates to guilt and shame. Feeling guilt is about regretting our wrong actions. Guilt arises from sin. Feeling shame is about judging ourselves to be wrong or to be failures. Shame is disgust at ourselves.

What do we do about guilt? Our sinful actions weaken, crimp, and break the bonds of connection and love. If we willfully hurt others, we need to ask for forgiveness. We say, “I was wrong, and I will do what I can to fix it. God, help me to change and to make amends.”

What do we do about shame? Shame makes us feel like we are dirty. We can think there are parts of ourselves that no one wants to see, to touch, to accept. If others do come close and we show them, they will turn away and reject us. So, we hide our shame, we keep secrets, we push parts of ourselves away. We can think hiding is the only way to acceptance.

When Jesus is insisting that he wash his disciples’ feet, Jesus is saying to us, “If I can’t touch and clean you where you’re dirty, then I can’t be your God.”

God is continually working in our lives to clear out the dirt that blocks the bonds of love and connection.

It does not make sense to resist this grace because we think we are not good or clean enough. The teaching is that, alone, no human being is good or clean enough to merit God’s love. It’s grace. A gift.

Let us not be afraid to let God see and touch and clean us. The only thing to do is trust and believe. Trust – that God forgives our sins. Believe – that God cleanses and heals parts of ourselves that we may reject. In other words, God loves us. Now. As we are.

Let us pray.

God, servant of our souls, we ask for help to trust and to accept the love and grace that flows in our lives. We thank you for your loving service. Let us be consoled through repentance, in Your mercy, heal us, and help us to ask for whatever we need to love others.

People: Amen

Invitation to Reflection

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 recall with me whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. But remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Litany 8

By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer; **Kyrie eleison** *or* **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: Assist your people in every land, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

People: Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign 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 for ever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: **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.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 13.34

Psalm 22

To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ‘Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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Assisting Rev. Simon today:

Presider: The Rev. Simon Bell
Preacher: Amy Pauley
Reader: Kevin Hamann
Music: Craig Snider
Video: Simon Bell/David Paradis

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Wendy; Adara; All our St. Margaret Families during this Holy Week; Jean Glionna; Sarah & Dee; Kaus; Brenda Jessem; Shirley; Bobby Paradis & Family; Margaret & David Paradis; Marg Thomas & Family; Lyon's Family; Jodine; Lynda Raye; Frank Kilravey; Rhonda; Sherrie O.; Jane Tutty; Edison's Family & his Teacher who has Covid; Bill and Ann Canning; Tanya North; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Theresa & Pete; Jaxon Croft; Ron & Jane Lewis; Michelle & Ian Sinclair; Sean; Kevin H.; Sophia L; Amanda Stewart; Kathryn;

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God' s healing touch and grace:

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The Diocese of Bath & Wells (England)

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Holy Week.