

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: Maundy Thursday

With this day our Lenten observance comes to an end, and Christians around the world begin to celebrate the Triduum, the Great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved.

Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The link is embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the link in the email.



Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the end of the liturgy.

Have a bowl of warm water and a towel ready for later.

PRELUDE: "Le Banquet Céleste" Olivier Messiaen
Recorded Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Word

GREETING

- ☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☞ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14; reader – Judy Hinck, lector

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ 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. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or

boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, * and listened to my | supplication,
for the LORD has given | ear to me * whenever | er I called.

How shall I re- | pay the LORD * for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation * and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD * in the presence of | all God's people.

Precious in your | sight, O LORD, * is the death | of your servants.

O LORD, truly I | am your servant; * I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me |
from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving * and call upon the | name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD * in the presence of | all God's people,
in the courts of | the LORD's house, * in the midst of you, O | Jerusalem.

Recorded on March 24, 2021; Susan Cherwien, soloist.

READING: I Corinthians 11:23-26; reader – Tricia Van Ee, assisting minister

Paul writes: ²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "I give you a new commandment..."

Recorded on March 24, 2021; Susan Cherwien, soloist.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1, 3-17, 31b-35

¹ 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.

And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After Jesus 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, servants are not

greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the others so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON

For All

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

Silence for reflection.

Footwashing

During the hymn, if you are worshipping with another in the home, you may kneel and wash each other's feet, cupping water from the bowl over the feet, and drying with a towel.

HYMN: ELW 358, "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

Sung at Mount Olive on Maundy Thursday, year A, April 13, 2017.

Prayer

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Tricia Van Ee, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray for this liturgy. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: **Amen***

PSALMODY: Psalm 22

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In our liturgy when we gather in person, this is the time of stripping the altar and chancel of everything that can be taken away, reminding us of Jesus' suffering and the stripping away of everything that held him to this world, to his life. You could take this time to pray, and also to clear your worship space completely, extinguishing the candle and putting things away to be brought out for Easter.

