

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.



Prelude: Prayer

Clement Loret

The Gathering

Celebrant Welcome! Tonight we gather...
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please join in singing,

Hymn

An Upper Room

English Folk Melody

An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he loved un - til the end: and his dis -
A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er—
And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our
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ci - ples still gath - er— there to cel - e - brate their ris - en— friend.
bur - dens may bow us— down, he by his cross shall lift us— up.
joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us. Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant We pray in the new covenant that Jesus gave us through the commandment to love one another, to serve as He served, to receive his presence through bread and wine and through the spiritual communion in our hearts this night.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Deacon **A Reading from the Gospel of John—13:1-17, 31b-35**

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. 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Jude Lyons



The Prayers of the People

People in bold.

Leader Confident that Jesus Christ hears our prayers, let us offer our petitions with open hearts, hearts ready to serve in love renewed through this gathering. Even though we are apart physically, we are spiritually connected as we celebrate in a special way this Maundy Thursday in His Name.

Comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

Give your healing power to all doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

For all who labor in essential work and services, so the necessities of life are available.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

May we be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

Help us practice safety for ourselves and others.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

Strengthen us to obey your commandment to love one another as you have loved us.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

May all who serve and lead in our churches, communities, government, country and across the world, be guided by the deepest truth, wisdom and compassion.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

For all who have died, especially those we name to you now....welcome them into your eternal Love and Life.

Gracious God, **bless us with the power of your healing presence.**

Loving God, we praise you in a special way this Maundy Thursday. Be with us as we continue our journey in Holy Week that we may more closely align our lives with yours, to serve others following the example you gave. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Anthem

In An Upper Room

Don Besig

In the shadows of evening he came to them, there in an upper room.

As they gathered around him, he spoke to them there in an upper room.

"My time among you must come to an end. I soon will be betrayed.

My peace will always be with you, my friends. Never should you be afraid."

In the silence they sat and they gazed at him there in an upper room.

They were troubled by what they had heard from him, there in an upper room.

The Master knelt as a servant would do and humbly washed their feet.

He said, "Until I have done this for you, you will have no part of me."

Then they sat at the table prepared for them there in an upper room.

He gave thanks for the meal that he offered them, there in an upper room.

"This bread is broken, this cup has been poured that you may be redeemed.

For they are my body and blood," said the Lord. Do this and remember me."

The Maundy Thursday Spiritual Communion

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke 22:14-20

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

Communion under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 26:36-41

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Celebrant Let us go forward now into our own Gethsemane night. Let us go forward remembering God leads us always. Let us hold in your hearts the lasting desire of Jesus, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you love one another"
Let us seek Him and be with Him as we sing:

Let us sing together

Closing Chant

Stay with Me

Taizé

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

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Join us for the rest of Holy Week and Easter Sunday

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Friday April 10, Good Friday and the Stations of the Cross – noon

Saturday April 11, Easter Vigil – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday April 12, Easter Sunday – Readings, Sermon with Spiritual Communion – 10:00 a.m.

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