

# Maundy Thursday

## Gather

As Jesus traveled he spread light wherever he went,  
light that could not be extinguished.

Tonight we light candles in honor of  
the women who attended him  
his mother Mary  
the disciples

the crowds who followed him  
the lepers he healed  
the possessed he freed

the poor  
the sick  
the woman who anointed him with oil

the healthcare providers  
those who are alone  
those who are afraid

this Beloved Community.

This night is our calling to go into the world,  
scattered to the ends of the earth  
to love as Christ loved and serve in the name of Christ.

It is our calling to remember,  
even in our darkest hour, who we are and WHY we are.

And we remember that on this night,  
we were taught how to love.

On this night, eternity begins  
and the fullness of God's Reign begins to spill into our lives.

We remember so that we can go into the world to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

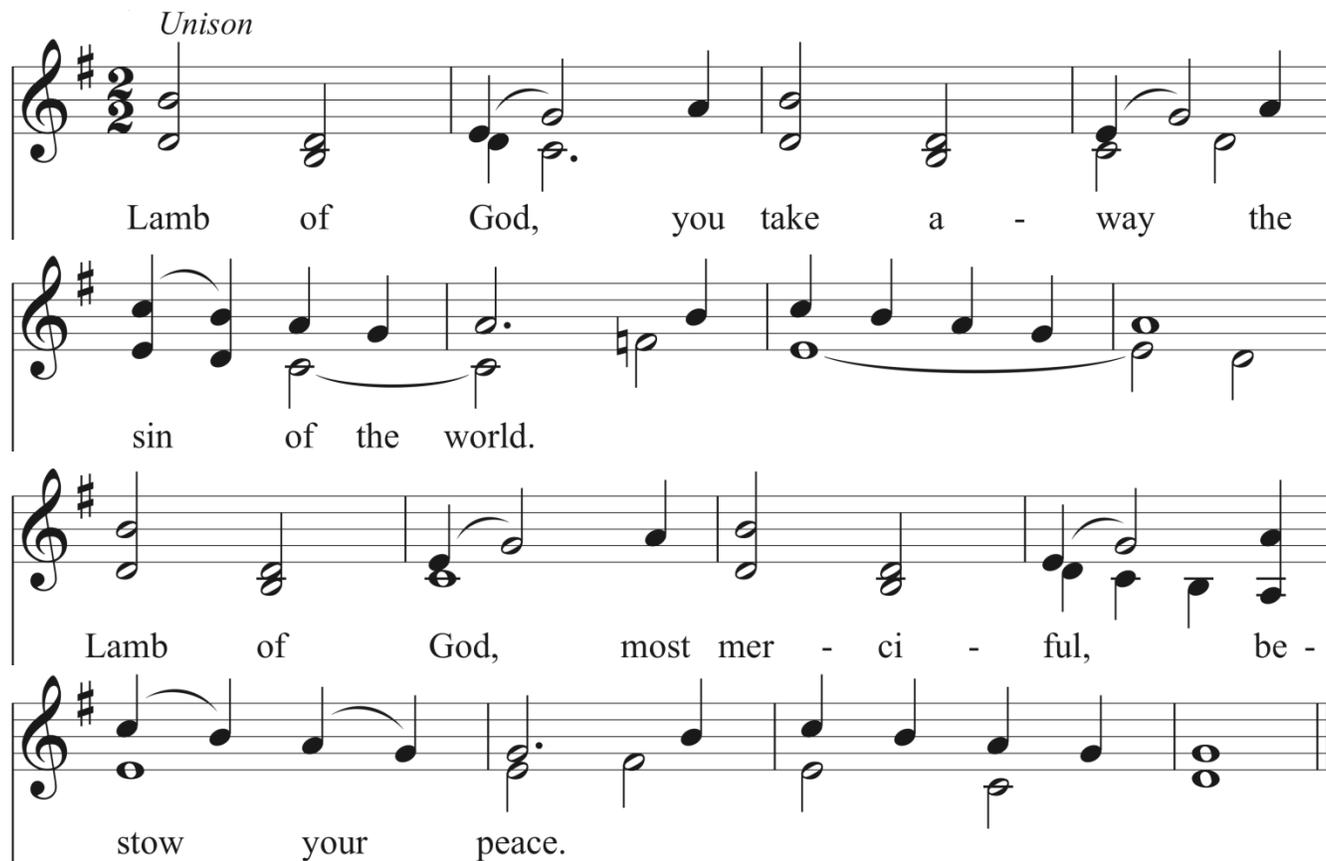
To go into the world and love  
in the name of the One who loved you until the end.

It all begins and ends and begins again with Love.

This IS the story. Amen.

## Song *Lamb of God*

*Unison*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world.  
Lamb of God, most mer - ci - ful, be -  
stow your peace.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jayne Southwick Cool

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## Confession and Absolution

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, evil---all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## Word

**The First Story** *A children's version of the Passover story in Exodus*  
*~from Desmond Tutu's book*

### Song *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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 MUSIC: English melody; harm. John Weaver (1937- )

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## The Second Story *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

23For 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, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25In 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." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## The Gospel (Dramatic storytelling) *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord 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. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then 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. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus 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." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12After 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? 13You call me Teacher

and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

31b“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little 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.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Reflection

### Song of the Day *The Trumpet in the Morning*



1. O the wea - ry world is trudg - ing t'ward the  
 2. Ev - 'ry pris - on wall will crum - ble, ev - 'ry  
 3. Then the rich will grasp at shad - ows for the  
 4. Let the bank - er and the pres - i - dent be -  
 5. Let the proph - ets speak in par - a - bles, let  
 6. Come and join the great thanks - giv - ing, take your



year of ju - bi - lee, When we'll hear the trum - pet sound in the  
 chain will fall a - way When we hear the trum - pet sound in the  
 land is God's a - lone, When we hear the trum - pet sound in the  
 ware the trum - pet's call, And beat swords of greed and com - merce in - to  
 sto - ry - tell - ers spin Tales of faith - ful - ness and res - cue 'til the  
 neigh - bor by the hand And be - come the voice of free - dom that will



morn - ing. Far and wide we hear the  
 morn - ing. And the debts that stole our  
 morn - ing. Ev - 'ry im - mi - grant be  
 e - qual shares for all. Let the teach - ers speak in  
 ban - quet shall be - gin; How God wove the world with  
 thun - der through the land. Let the earth re - pose in



clar - i - on an - nounce that all are free When we  
 dream - ing we will no more have to pay When we  
 wel - come, all the home - less find a home, When we  
 wis - dom, let the mu - sic - mak - ers play, Let the  
 won - der, how God led us through the sea, Why we  
 sab - bath while her chil - dren's hearts re - new, And give



hear the trum - pet sound in the morn - ing.  
 hear the trum - pet sound in the morn - ing.  
 hear the trum - pet sound in the morn - ing.  
 weav - ers weave the tent where we shall gath - er on that day.  
 keep a day of rest and call a year of ju - bi - lee!  
 back to God in jus - tice what God's boun - ty gave to you.

Refrain



Low - ly eyes shall be lift - ed, while the ty - rants taste their fear,



For that sound is both a gos - pel and a warn - ing. When we



rise as a peo - ple who pro - claim that God is near, Who will



dare to sound the trum - pet in the morn - ing?

Text: Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 15, Joel 2; Rory Cooney, b.1952, © 1998, GIA Publications, Inc.

Tune: MORNING TRUMPET, 15 11 15 11 with refrain; B.F. White, from *Southern Harmony*, 1835, arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

## Affirmation of Faith

As children of God, we affirm:

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
 that God is present with all of creation, and that,  
 in darkness and in light, God is faithful;  
 therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,  
 that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
 and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope  
 therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;  
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit;  
discerning, loving and transforming our world.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

We invite you to share your prayers in the chat features. These prayers will be shared during our prayer time. *(Pause)* United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery, and yet we remained imprisoned by racism. Give us hearts to break these shackles. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression especially all those who come to our nation as immigrants and refugees, those children who were separated from their parents at our borders and who remain separated. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the addicted, the abused, the abusers, the sick, and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service especially our Compassion Response Team, RentReady, and One Big Tent of Portage County, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

People of God, what other prayers do you wish to offer on this holy night?

*(prayers that have been offered in the chat will be read)*

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Give us hearts and minds to learn from the faithful who have gone before us. Unite us with them in hope until Christ comes again. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Beloved: let us love as Christ loves us and give ourselves, our very lives, as a fragrant offering to God.

## **Meal**

### **Setting the Table Song** *Let Us Break Bread Together*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## **Offering Prayer**

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist, Holy Communion)**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Eucharistic Prayers, Well & Kocher*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Meek and majestic God...

...praising your name in the unending hymn.

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

Self-giving God...

...who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying: **“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying, **“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which  
is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as  
you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessed and broken God...

...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Holy Things for Holy People.

### **Communion Song** *What Feast of Love*



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Stripping of the Altar**

Our holy meal is over, the waiting begins. Tonight Jesus was alone, under arrest, and awaiting his death. Tonight his friends were alone with their guilt, shame, and fear. Tonight many of us are still missing our normal routines, our communities, and friends. Many are alone, isolated and afraid, Jesus waits with us all tonight, even as we wait with him. Jesus knows what loneliness feels like, what fear tastes like. Jesus knows the heartbreak of being alone when you want most to be with people you love. Tonight we hold vigil with the sick, the fearful, the lonely, and with all who risk their own lives to protect and care for ours.

Tonight we strip this altar just as the Christ's life was stripped from him. Let us cleanse it of all that has come before this moment: of our anxiety, our worry, our sorrow, and our shame. Let our minds, for a time, be stripped of its fear and discomfort, just as we remember that God, in the form of Jesus, knows what it feels like to be stripped of these things as well.

*The altar may then be cleared by all present, as each is able. Some blessed wine and bread will be moved to the Prayer Room where the vigil will be kept. The Christ candle will be moved to the Chapel as well. When all is stripped, the altar is then wiped down with the clean damp cloth, and dried.*

## **Songs during the stripping of the altar**

# Within our Darkest Night

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Taizé Community, 1991  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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# Song *Jesus, Remember Me*

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter rest. The bass clef accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a quarter rest. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The second system of music consists of two staves, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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