



Holy Week

Liturgy and Agape Meal for Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.
online worship

Joint worship with St. John's Episcopal Church, Town Street

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Welcome !

We're glad you took the opportunity to worship with us. Our hope is you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced, and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught.

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About the Service

When Jesus shared Passover with his disciples, it was in the home tradition and setting of the Passover meal. The washing of feet, the sharing of bread and wine, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus drew his friends together as host, teacher, friend, and master who was there to serve them all. Maundy Thursday may be considered, at its heart, a homely affair.

This service weaves together parts of the Maundy Thursday liturgy within the frame of an Agape Meal. To prepare your home for the service, please do the following:

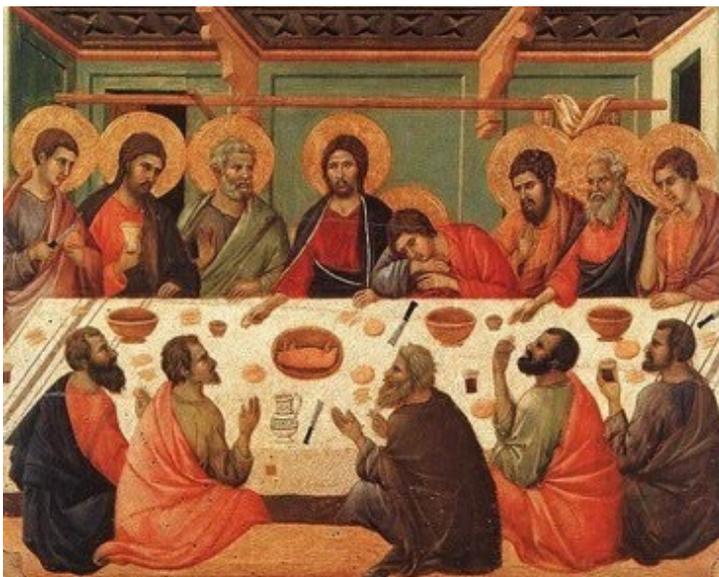
1. Prepare a simple meatless meal to share in your home. A Mediterranean-style meal is often chosen for Agape Meals, but any foods are fine as long as they are simple. Include a loaf of bread and container of wine, according to what is in keeping with your dietary requirements.
2. Set your space for your meal. If possible, the table should be set with the best the house has to offer. A fine tablecloth perhaps, flowers, and the best place settings. We sit down to feast with God, and for that we bring our best. (If your best is a folding table and takeout containers, God will be as honored by that as fine silver and crystal!) You may consider this dinner table your "altar" for the evening, or you may also have prepared a separate holy space to be ritually stripped at the end.
3. If you wish, you may light a couple of candles.
4. Be prepared to clear your table completely at the conclusion of the service.

While this meal is not the sacrament of the Eucharist, it includes blessings of the food and drink shared, and the people gathered. While the service mentions wine, you should use whatever beverage makes sense for those gathered.

Prelude *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, S.656*

J.S. Bach

Welcome



Refrain

God is love, and where true love is

1-3 *Final Ending*

God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 351

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.**

A Reading from Exodus 12:1-4, 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. 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The psalm will be chanted by a member of the choir.

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Epistle: A Reading from I Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of love

Old 124th

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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. 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.

"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 the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin

Silence is observed following the homily

Agape Meal

Blessing over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the meal or toward its close, a person appointed reads the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to John.

The Gospel of John 17

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Hymn 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Psalm 63:1-8, read in unison

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.

⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

⁶ When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ My soul clings to you,
your right hand holds me fast.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is read as the altar is stripped and dining tables at home are cleared.

Psalm 22 is printed on page 10.

The People sign off in silence.

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Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸ "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

¹⁰ I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

¹² Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³ They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁸ Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

¹⁹ Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

²⁰ Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before
him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.