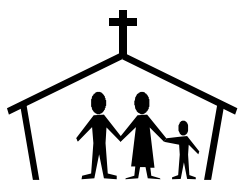


HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

April 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.



AS WE GATHER (prepared by Jim Gann)

The word, Maundy, comes from the Latin: *mandatum* or “commandment,” as found in John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” Also known as Holy Thursday, it is a commemoration of The Last Supper, and is a part of the Triduum, or three days. Note the Liturgical colors have changed from purple to white. Sometimes scarlet is used in conjunction with white. As is found in Isaiah 1:18, “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”

↑ OPENING HYMN #425

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

+ SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *Know Your Enemy*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

↑ INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

↓ CONFSSIONAL ADDRESS

P: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

As we celebrate His supper this evening, we do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by

washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: Amen.

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

↑CONFESSIO

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

[Those who desire to receive a personal absolution may come forward individually and kneel at the altar. The pastor lays his hand on each person and says these words:]

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↓ **HYMN (During Individual Absolution) –**

#616 “*Baptismal Waters Cover Me*”

#609 “*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*”

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: **O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

↓FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-4

R: The First Reading is from Exodus, chapter twelve.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,² “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷ “Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

R: The Epistle Reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter thirteen.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 34-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot,

Simon's son, to betray him,³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them...

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

↑NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↓**SERMON HYMN** #446 *“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”*

↓**SERMON** *“James ~ Served to Serve”*

↓**OFFERING**

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

↑**PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

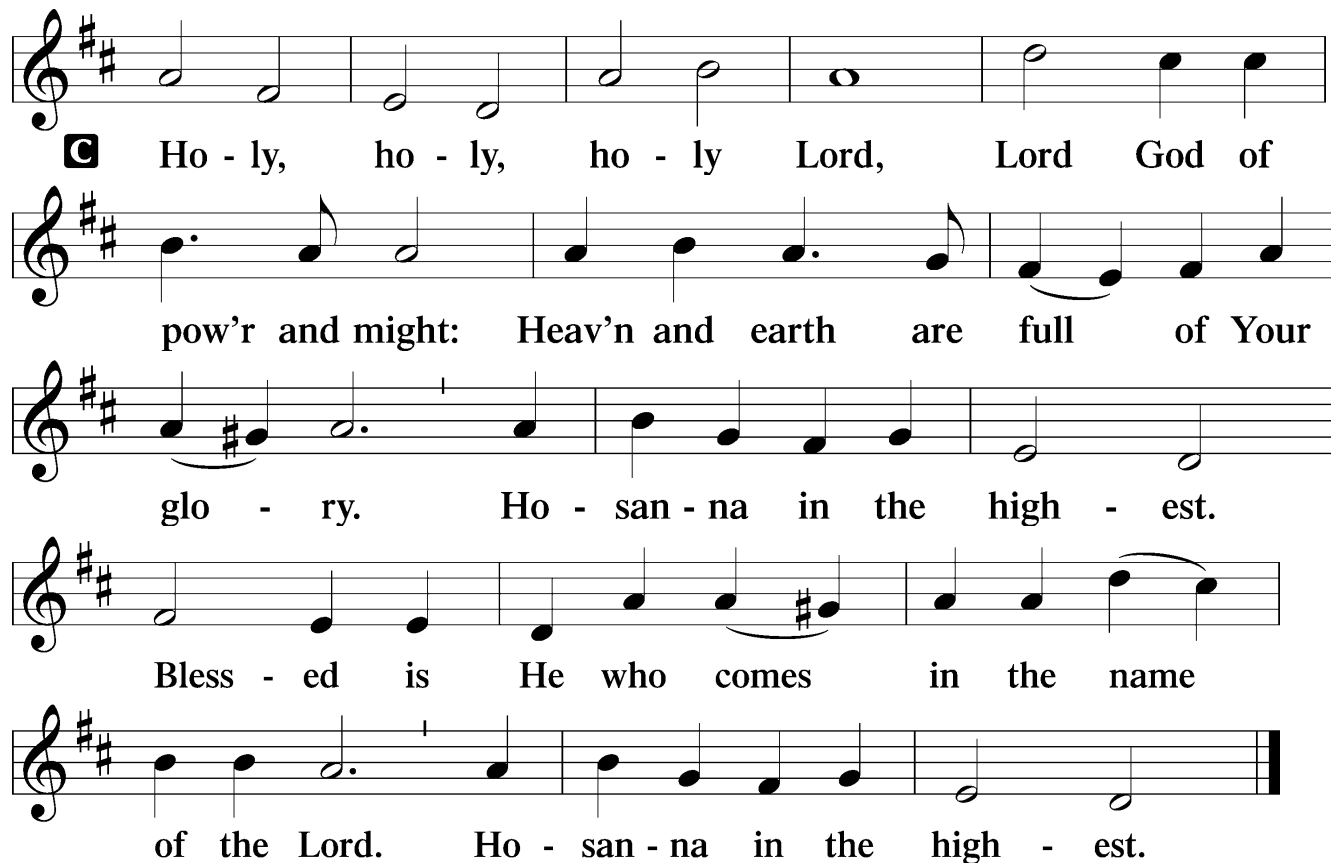
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

↑SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

↑PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

↑LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

↑PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

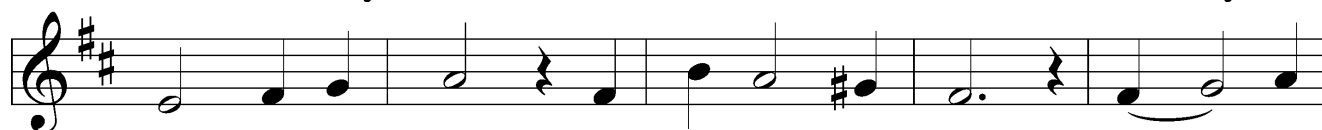
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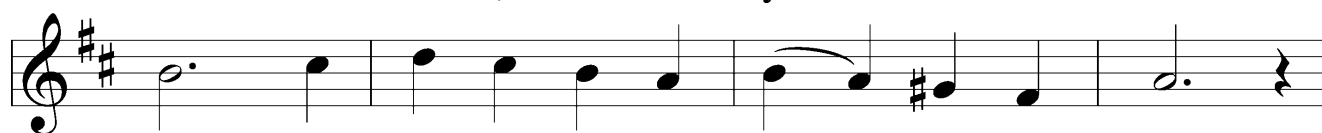
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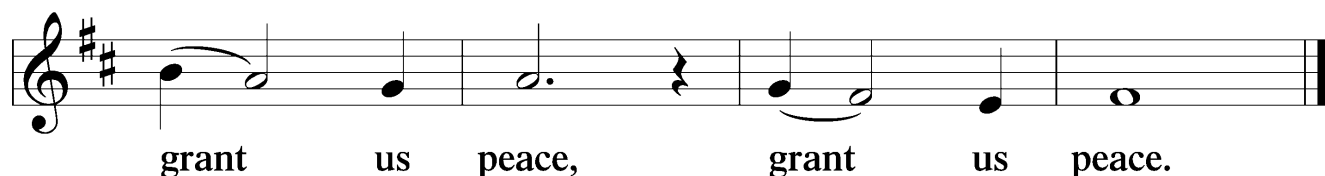
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↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS – (as needed)

#688 “*Come, Follow Me, ’ the Savior Spake*”

#606 “*I Lay My sins on Jesus*”

#611 “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*”

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now You let Your ser-
 vant go in peace; Your word has been
 fulfilled. My own eyes have seen
 the sal - va - tion which You have
 pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry
 peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the
 glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the
 Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

↑POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR+

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

↓PSALM Psalm 22

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

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

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

C: **In you our fathers trusted,
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P: To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

C: **But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

- P: All who see me mock me,
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- C: "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**
- P: Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- C: On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**
- P: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- C: Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- P: they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- C: 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;**
- P: my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to
my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- C: For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my
hands and feet—**
- P: I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
- C: they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**
- P: But you, O Lord, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- C: Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

P: Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C: I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

P: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

P: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

C: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

May your hearts live for ever!

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

C: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

P: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

that he has done it.

All leave the church in silence.

We gather again tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. to remember the day our sins were nailed to the Cross with Jesus.