



MAUNDY  
THURSDAY

Triangle Grace Church

April 14, 2022

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## *Solemn Service of the institution of the Lord's Supper*

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Maundy Thursday (from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning “commandment” as found in John 13:34) serves with Good Friday and Easter Sunday as one continuous service commemorating the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the service is continuous, there is no benediction pronounced until Easter. Clergy stoles signify the servant towel worn by Christ as he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Red reminds us of the blood of Christ shed for our sin. As the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ is read from John 17, the church will be “stripped” to signify Christ moving from the Passover meal toward Calvary where, as the Lamb of God he

takes away the sins of the world. (John 1:29) The crown of thorns recalls Christ’s trial and crucifixion. The bare church is designed to remind us of the grave into which Christ descended on Good Friday. Most portions of this service are adapted from John Calvin’s 1542 Geneva order of worship for Holy Communion. John Calvin (1509–1564) was a French theologian, church reformer and pastor, whom Protestant churches in the Reformed tradition (such as Triangle Grace Church) regard as a major formulator of their beliefs. Other portions of this service are derived from Reformed practices over the centuries.

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*(\*standing, if able)*

*The Congregation Gathers in Silence*

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Hymn**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*(please stand, if able)*

Let us break bread together on our knees , let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face towards Calvary, Oh Lord have mercy on me.

Betray thee Lord, never I, betray thee Lord, never I;  
Temptation flee away, Christ my Lord I shall obey, Oh Lord have mercy on me.

On the night of his passion he did pray, on the night of the passion he did pray;  
That we all may be one, and the Father’s will be done, Oh Lord have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face towards Calvary, Oh Lord have mercy on me.

**\*Silent Procession** (please stand, if able)

**The Ten Commandments** Exodus 20:1–17

**\*Psalm 116:1–9** (please stand, if able)

*Leader* I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my prayer

*People* **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.**

*Leader* The snares of death encompassed me, and the pains of the grave laid hold of me; I suffered trouble and sorrow.

*People* **Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: “O LORD, save me!”**

*Leader* Gracious is the Lord and righteous; indeed, our God is full of compassion.

*People* **LORD preserves the simple; I was in misery, and he helped me.**

*Leader* Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has rewarded you.

*People* **You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

**The New Commandment** John 13:31–35

**Confession of Sin**

*(Silently and then in unison)*

*Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

*The Peace is omitted, remembering that on this night, Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.*

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1–4; 11–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>“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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

*Opportunity will be given to congregants to pray vocally in Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. If you pray out loud, please do so in a way for all to hear, in a short and concise manner, and finish your prayer with the affirmation of “amen.”*

## The Lord's Prayer

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Anthem

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Choir

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days and God of love. Jehovah great I am.  
By earth and heaven confessed; we bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

He by Himself hath sworn, we on His oath depend,  
We shall, on eagle's wings upborne, to heaven ascend; we shall behold His face,  
We shall His power adore, and sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing. And “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “Almighty King. Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be; eternal Father, great I Am, we worship Thee.” Holy Lord, Holy God, Oh how we sing Thy praise.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; “Hail Father, Son and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry. Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! With heaven our songs we raise; All might and majesty are Thine and endless praise. Amen.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 22:14-23

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took 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.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

“At the Table with Thanksgiving”

Jeff Spainhour

**Act of Praise**

“The Day He Wore My Crown”

Scott Green

The city was Jerusalem, the time was long ago. The people called him Jesus, The crime was the love He showed.

*And I’m the one to blame, I caused all the pain. He gave Himself, The day He wore my crown.*

He brought me love that only He could give, I brought Him cause to cry. And though He taught me how to live, I taught Him how to die. (Chorus)

He could have called His holy Father, and said, “Take me away, please, take me away.” He could have said, “I’m not guilty. And I’m not going to stay, I’m not going to pay.”

But He walked right through the gate and then up the hill. And as He fell beneath the weight, He cried, “Father, not My will.” (Chorus)



## “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the temp - ter's pow'r;  
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of Life ar - raigned;  
 3. Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at His feet,  
 4. Ear - ly hast - en to the tomb where they laid His breath - less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with Him one bit - ter hour,  
 O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus - tained!  
 Mark that mir - a - - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
 All is sol - i - - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear Him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes; Sa - vior, teach us so to rise.

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