



# Maundy Thursday

Triangle Grace Church

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*Solemn Service of the Institution of the Lord's Supper*

Maundy Thursday (from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning “commandment” as found in John 13:34) serves with Palm Sunday, 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.

\*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, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Betray thee Lord, never I, betray thee Lord, never I;

Temptation flee away, Christ my Lord I shall obey, O 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, O 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, O Lord, have mercy on me.

**\*Silent Procession**

*(please stand, if able)*

**The Ten Commandments**

Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**The New Commandment**

John 13:31–35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**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. O Lord, 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.*

**Anthem**

"Bread of the World "

Choir

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

**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.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Opportunity will be given to congregants to pray vocally in **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, and **S**upplication. 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.*

## **Gospel Reading**

John 13:1-20

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. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> 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?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against

me.’<sup>19</sup> I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

### **Act of Praise**

#### **“In Remembrance”**

Praise Singers

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too,

That this is My body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me search for truth. In remembrance of Me always love.

In remembrance of Me, don’t look above, but in your heart look for God.

### **\*Holy Communion**

*(please stand, if able)*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the LORD.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is to come. Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power and majesty now and forevermore.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*Ushers will direct you to take the elements from one of two tables at the front of the sanctuary. As you wait to be invited forward, use your time to pray and meditate on the goodness of the Lord.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Post Communion Hymn (back page)** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (remain seated)

**The High Priestly Prayer & The Stripping of the Church** John 17

**Silent Recessional**

*The Congregation departs in silence.*

*Participants for tonight's service:*

Praise Band  
Rich Lamb  
Molly Williamson

Choir  
Nancy Holton  
Lisa Lamb

Jeff Spainhour  
Kris Perkins

## Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that feel the temp-ter's pow'r;  
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment - hall; view the Lord of Life ar - rained.  
 3. Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

5  
 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:

9  
 turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

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