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# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Maundy Thursday*

April 9, 2020

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**AS WE GATHER...** Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday) is the day before Good Friday in which Jesus spent time preparing His disciples for His own coming crucifixion. Although He knew that every single disciple would abandon Him in the coming hours, the Gospel of John tells us, “[Jesus] loved them to the end.” As we reflect this day on Jesus’ washing of the disciple’s feet, we are reminded of the great love that brought an innocent Man to die for us sinners and His instructions to us: “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN:** *“Take my life that I may be”*

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Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

**FIRST LESSON:**

*Exodus 12:1-14*

*“God instructs Moses on the Passover.”*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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. "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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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. "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.

## **GOSPEL:**

***John 13:1-17; 31b-35***

*"Jesus washes the disciples' feet"*

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. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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,

rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 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."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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?"

You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 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. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 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.' 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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### **MESSAGE:**

**"An Example to Follow"**

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### **CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus, we pray for those who feel forgotten or isolated, especially in disrupting times such as these: We pray for those who are imprisoned or exiled, people with long-term illnesses in hospitals and nursing homes, and for those who must stay inside because of the current pandemic. Lord, today we especially pray for our own sick and home bound (...) Assure them of Your presence and move your people to care for them in love and so follow your example. Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: O Holy Spirit, we pray for the Church wherever people gather, whether in person or online. Where the church is persecuted, give courage; where it is growing, open doors of opportunity; where it is asleep, awaken it's members to lead with zeal. Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord over all, we pray for those who tend fields and flocks, who make and distribute goods and services, who protect and defend communities and nations, who heal and care for the ill and dying. Give them eyes to see their callings as ministries from Your gracious hand. Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Triune God, we pray for people who do not know Jesus as Lord, who wonder about the truth of Your Word, and whose faith has grown cold or who have unanswered questions in the face of today's challenges. Grant them sure faith and remind them of Your great love, promised for ages and fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: These and any other things You would have us ask of You this day, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

L: Gracious God, Your covenant of love was fulfilled in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**