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Maundy Thursday

Christ: the Anointed, the Servant, the Host, the Way

Thursday, March 28, 2024

With nightfall the season of Lent comes to an end, and we gather to celebrate the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means "command." At the heart of our liturgy tonight is the admonition from Jesus to love one another. On the first Maundy Thursday, Christ also instituted Holy Communion. In this precious Sacrament, Christ hands over His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, through which he gives us the forgiveness of our sins and grants his Church the power to carry out His command to love one another.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Purge us from our sin. Wash us and we shall be clean.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Like the Prodigal, we have wasted your love.

C: Like Nicodemus, we have crept about in darkness.

P: Like James and John, we have slept through other's sorrow.

C: Like Peter, we have denied and betrayed you.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "If you love me, keep my commandments. Unless I wash you, you have no part in me." Let us confess our sins against God's gracious love, and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: We confess to you that time after time we have entered your presence in prayer, but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of sin. We have rehearsed your commandments, but refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our lack of faith. Grant us the healing that comes through your presence and the cleansing of your powerful Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The Almighty Father sent us his Son that he might take upon himself the sins of his people and destroy them.

C: As with the woman at the well, you give us drink in the heat of the day.

P: As with the man born blind, you open our eyes.

C: As with Simon, you teach us mercy.

P: As with the criminal hanging near you, you promise us paradise.

C: As with Peter, you restore us in your love.

P: Hear the Words of the gospel: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. May this forgiveness bring you peace this night and forevermore.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE NIGHT

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHRIST, THE ANOINTED | Matthew 26:6-16

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

MEDITATION

HYMN: Jesus Paid It All (*bulletin page 7*)

CHRIST, THE SERVANT | John 13:1-5, 12-16; 33-35

¹Now 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. ²During 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, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then 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. ¹²When 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MEDITATION

HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (*bulletin page 8*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Remembering Christ's commandment to love one another, let us pray for the church and the world. Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us...

C: and humble us.

P: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us...

C: and unite us.

P: On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us...

C: and renew our zeal.

P: On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us...

C: and fill us with your love.

P: On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us...

C: and give us your peace.

P: On this night, Jesus accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember all who have died in the faith. Lord, hear us...

C: and welcome all your children into paradise.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your people, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHRIST, THE HOST | Mark 14:18-20

¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.

MEDITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

CHRIST, THE WAY | John 13:36-14:6

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.”

³⁷Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times. ¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

MEDITATION

ALTAR STRIPPING

On this night the altar and worship furniture is stripped of all its beauty and splendor. This practice reminds us that Christ too was stripped to nothing and hung in humiliation at Golgotha: “And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.” - Matthew 27:35-36.

You are welcome to remain for meditation or depart respectfully in silence.

This night, we enter the Great Three Days, during which our Lord Jesus suffered betrayal, humiliation, and blameless death for the sake of the whole world. Our Maundy Thursday worship is void of a benediction or postlude as our service continues tomorrow evening at 7pm.

Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sa - vior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r and yours a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I, where - by your grace to claim—
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

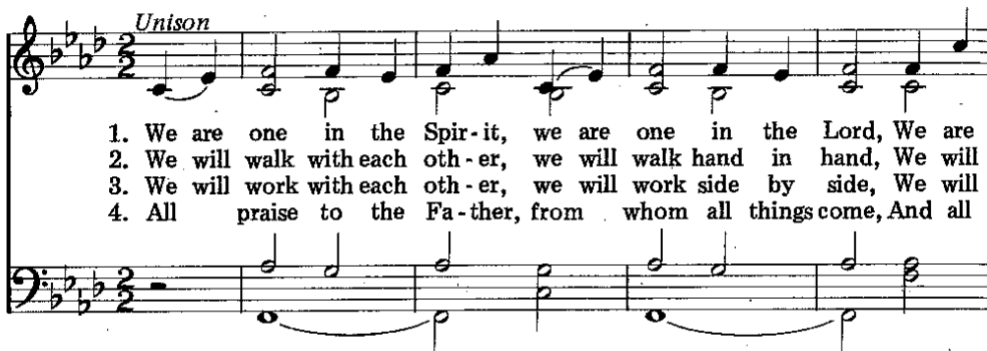
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

By this shall all men know...if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

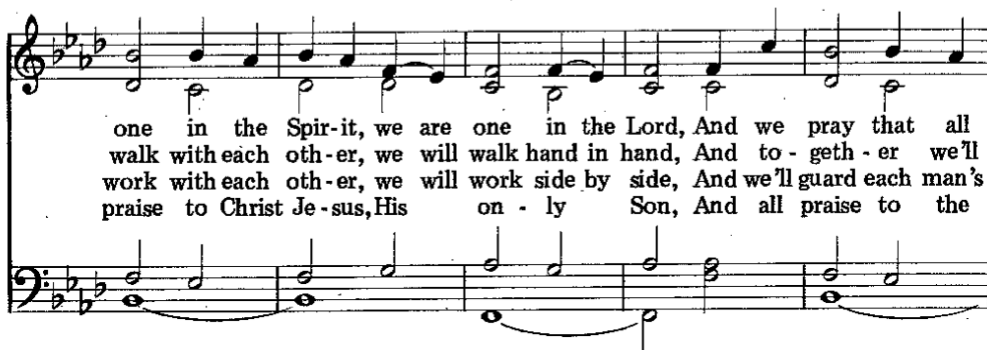
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Unison



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

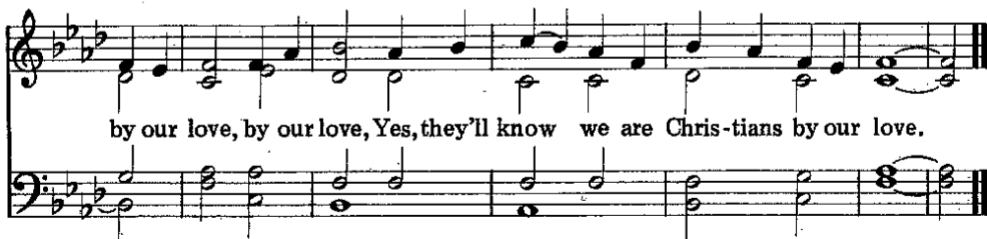


one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to- geth- er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's
praise to Christ Je- sus, His on- ly Son, And all praise to the

Refrain



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:
Spir - it, who makes us one:



by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.