

# Maundy Thursday



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**



## Hands of Humility

## Worship Service

Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Theme of the day:** Christ shows us the full extent of God's love for us. The Church calls this day *Maundy* because of Jesus' "new" command in the Gospel lesson that his followers love one another (it is the *dies mandate*). Christ shows the full extent of his love in service and in sacrifice. He loves us more than life and feeds us his body and blood to prove it. Reconciled to God, we then follow his command to love one another.

### WORDS OF ENTRANCE

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Congregation: Amen.

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love. (*refrain from Psalm 32*)

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

C: **where does my help come from?**

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: He will not let your foot slip—

C: **he who watches over you will not slumber;**

M: indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: The LORD watches over you—

C: **the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

M: the sun will not harm you by day,

C: **nor the moon by night.**

♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;

Remember your mercy and love.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm—

**C: he will watch over your life;**

M: the LORD will watch over your coming and going

**C: both now and forevermore.**

**♪ Remember your mercy, O Lord;  
Remember your mercy and love.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: God has invited us into his presence to worship him with humble and repentant hearts. Therefore, let us confess our sins and ask him for forgiveness.

Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your wrath.  
Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;  
my bones have no soundness because of my sin.  
My guilt has overwhelmed me  
like a burden too heavy to bear.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: I am bowed down and brought very low;  
all day long I go about mourning.  
I am feeble and utterly crushed;  
I groan in anguish of heart.  
All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**C: I confess my iniquity;  
I am troubled by my sin.  
O LORD, do not forsake me;  
be not far from me, O my God.  
Come quickly to help me,  
O Lord my Savior.**

M: Turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate;  
He is patient and abounding in love and faithfulness.

*Silence to reflect on the Word and to examine yourself.*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

M: Our holy and gracious Father in his infinite love has made us his own. Even when we were still enslaved by wickedness and death, He, in his mercy, sent his only and eternal Son, Jesus Christ, to share in our humanity, to live and to die as one of us, and in this way reconciled us with God, the Father of all. Through him, God has freed us from all unrighteousness, and has made us worthy of his presence. Through him, God has turned us from wrongs to truth, from sin to righteousness, and from death to life. In him we have forgiveness of all of our sins.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**Hymn # 304 (vv. 6,7), “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**

♪ **Oh, how blest it is to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

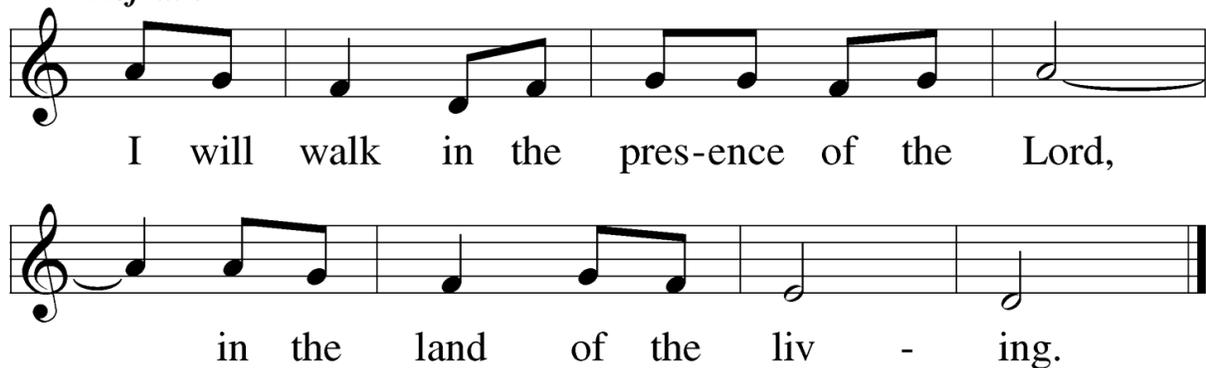
Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C: Amen.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 116**

*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

*Refrain*

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.     *Refrain***

### **FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14**

**The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:**

**<sup>2</sup>This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. <sup>4</sup>But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. <sup>8</sup>That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.**

**<sup>12</sup>For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.**

**<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.**

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. (*Hebrews 12:2*)

**C:** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:16,17**

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

## **HYMN: # 748 "Lamb of God"**

♪ **Your only Son No sin to hide  
But You have sent Him From Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**Your gift of Love They crucified  
They laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble King They named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

## MESSAGE OF THE DAY      John 13:1-5,12-17

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus knew 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>He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>12</sup>After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup>Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell 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, you are blessed if you do them.

## THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*OFFERING*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:  
For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For our remembrance of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, that as we receive His very body and blood our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**C: 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.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**M: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with your Spirit.**

**M: We lift up our hearts.**

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

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.**

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

### ***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

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

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: Amen.**

### ***DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

**HYMN: # 313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"**

**♪ Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.**

**As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives his body with the bread  
And with the wine the blood he shed.**

**Jesus here himself is sharing;  
Take heed how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.**

**Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not him who died and rose.**

**Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive my grace and favor;  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill."**

**Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

**Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death his only Son.**

**If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.**

M: Dearest Jesus our Lord and our God, you took our sins with you on the cross, so, dead to sin, we might live in your righteousness. Have mercy on us now and in the hour of our death. Grant to us, your servants and to all who humbly remember your suffering and death a holy and productive life, and by your grace, guide us to eternal life with you in heaven; you who reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

*Silence to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.*

*When the music begins to play, you may leave in silence.*

*The service continues at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow,  
where we will focus on Christ's death on the cross.*

*Tonight's account is not the end of the story.  
Come and hear what happened next!*

- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY** worship service at 7:00 p.m.
- ✝ **EASTER CELEBRATION** Sunday, April 4th.



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