



*Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad we can worship together today. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Cathedral staff in this uncertain time.*

## **Worship for Maundy Thursday**

*On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his friends. The washing of feet, the sharing of a meal, and the new commandment to love one another all happened in a home, in a room where Jesus sat at the table as host, teacher, friend, and Savior who was there to serve them all. During this extraordinary time that requires us to practice physical distancing in order to help protect one another, and especially the vulnerable among us, from the rapid spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, we are separated from one another physically but not in spirit. Jesus is present at our tables, and we are present at his.*

*Remember the words of Christ, who said, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

*This liturgy is created in two parts: Agape Meal and Foot washing. Choose one or both whichever works for you. Most importantly, choose what works for you. Our desire to please God does in deed please God.*

*Create a sacred place in your home by gathering for a meal. You may choose a simple Mediterranean style meal as we have done in the past or something simple that you have made. There are prayers for blessing bread and wine as a Eucharistic symbol (this is not a Eucharist). You may want to have a basin for washing feet (your own or another's). There is music on the Cathedral website which can be used during the foot washing. There is also a mediation from The Reverend Katie Bradshaw on the website which could be included in your observance.*

*However you choose to remember this day, remember the words of Christ, who said, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

### **Liturgy for Maundy Thursday**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

#### **The Collect of the Day (adapted)**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and in instituting the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that as we gather in our households we may remember these great gifts of love by Jesus Christ

our Savior, and follow his great command to love one another as he eternally loves us all; who has given himself for the whole world, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Blessing Over the Food**

Blessed are you, Holy God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The meal begins. After a time the following may be read.*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.**

*Luke 22:7-18*

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a loaf of 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." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

### **Blessing Over Wine and Bread**

Blessed are you, Holy God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessed are you, Holy God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The meal continues. After a few minutes, another passage may be read.*

### **A Reading from Exodus.**

*Exodus 12:1-14a*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that

on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; 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 live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Christ Jesus, our Eternal Priest,

*Give us a heart to love and to serve you.*

You went up to Jerusalem to share the Passover meal,

*Help us to share your love with others.*

On the cross you stretched out your arms

*Help us to reach out to the poor and frightened.*

Inspire us to love our neighbors

*That we may walk before you with a perfect heart.*

Renew the lives of those who seek to know you,

*Send forth your power to every corner of the earth.*

Watch over those who are in any need or trouble,

*Make us ever mindful of the needs of others.*

Give your light and your peace to your Church on earth;

*And your pardon and rest to the faithful departed.*

Set before us once more this day your passion and cross,

*That we may greet with joy the day of your resurrection.*

God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he revealed your love, blessed us with acceptance, and opened to us the gates of reconciliation. May we who share Christ's body also share his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens share that light with this sinful broken world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all

your children might be free, and the whole earth live to praise your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;  
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

*I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.*

*If you are washing feet, the following begins after the meal has ended. There is music on the website that can be used at this time.*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of John**

*John 13:1-15*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Wash one another's feet, or your own, with warm water and a gentle touch to know Jesus' love of you in our love for ourselves and one another.*

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.  
When I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you,  
your right hand holds me fast.

### **Concluding Prayer**

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: You feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant, Jesus; make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus, who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

*or*

Blessing the Bread, the Cup  
Let us bless the bread  
that gives itself to us  
with its terrible weight, its infinite grace.  
Let us bless the cup poured out for us with a love  
that makes us anew.  
Let us gather around these gifts simply given  
and deeply blessed.  
And then let us go bearing the bread, carrying the cup,  
laying the table  
within a hungering world.  
*Amen.*