

**Salem Lutheran Church ~ April 9, 2020**  
**Maundy Thursday Worship of Love**

**GATHERING**

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight as we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, our focus is on his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. While we are "staying-at-home" we have a resource, "**Celebrating Maundy Thursday at Home**," and this evening online Worship Service of Love.*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

*Let us speak these words together:*

We join a solemn journey of three days that has changed the world and our own lives. Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago.

*This is the night of love. (pause)*

On the night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another.

*This is the night of love. (pause)*

On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him, to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same.

*This is the night of love. (pause)*

On this night, Christ's desolation is real as the disciples leave him. The stark, bare, unadorned church reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. Jesus, in love, welcomes those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering, and a journey of returning.

*This is the night of love. (pause)*

And so, on this night,  
we welcome the penitent.  
All here have wandered.

Come, ye sinners.  
Come, ye thirsty.  
Come, ye weary.  
Come to the night of love.

**WE SING**

***Take, O, Take Me As I Am***

Sing Twice

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Dear Friends,

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

I give you a new commandment,\* that you love one another just as I have loved you. (*John 13:34*)

**GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <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 to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <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 tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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?"

<sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my

disciples, if you have love for one another."

**REFLECTION**

**WE SING**

***Jesus Remember Me***

Sing Once

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

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**RESPONSE ~ REMEMBER ~ WASHING FEET**

*This is the night of love.*

Jesus washed his disciples' feet, reversing roles of master and student servant and host, and told them to do the same to show the world God's love and theirs.

On this night, we wash each other's feet, obeying Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us.

Come, feed the needy, visit the lonely, comfort the grieving, give what you have; teach, sing, pray, lift up and clean up, share out of God's bounty.

Let Christ love you here, and share that love with another.

**RESPONSE ~ REMEMBER ~ HOLY COMMUNION**

*This is the night of love.*

At the table of love, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God. And so we pray:

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God,

all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise,

all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations,

all our loves, all our joys, all our passions,

all our bodies, and minds and voices.

Yours, all yours!

You are God, boundless in love and power.

What are we that you should notice us?

What are we that you should love us?

What are we that you should call us into covenant with you,

a covenant we continually broke and you continuously sustained.

God of Mercy! How full of mercy!

**We remember.**

Jesus, when you told them,

"This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

### **We remember.**

Jesus, when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

### **We remember.**

Because of You, we are one in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, move us to pray:

- +That we may share the gospel at all times.
- +That a treatment and end to COVID19 for all the world and creation.
- +That healing may come for people who are sick, hospitalize, and recovering.
- +That strength, courage, and peace surround all care providers, emergency responders, frontline medical staff, and researchers.
- +That the many who are in hospice care and for the many have died, may be raised, and death itself vanquished.
- +That the penitent may receive your cleansing grace.
- +That all who are oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last.
- +That we may love one another, and all your creation, as you have loved us.

Come and fill us, Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until we eat it new at the feast of the Lamb!. All glory, power, and honor be yours Triune Loving God. Amen!

### **WE SING**

#### ***Were You There***

Two Verses

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

### **RESPONSE ~ REMEMBER ~ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Worshippers wait in silent prayer as candles are extinguished and paraments, linens, and other symbols are removed from the altar.

### **DISMISSAL**

We depart in silence.

### **Good Friday Service Online ~ Labyrinth Path & Stations of the Cross**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Maeve Kennedy Townsend-McKean & son, Gideon, Phil Kulinski, Vicky Carter, Amanda Evans Deel, Bruce Greer, Jerry Kiesling, Susan Whitacre, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, The family and friends of Opportune Chenou, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Alan Hahn, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, David Buck, Lee Saffran, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Thelma Presinger, Steve Sussan, Kathi Fuller, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Pete, Dewitt, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arian, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Kevin Kolb, Carolyn Lynch, Donna Miller, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Stephen Smith, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.*

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