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*Pastor Brady has provided an audio of this service's sermon, which is included in separate e-mail.*

*Joanna Nannestad has made a YouTube video of this service that includes readings, hymns and Pr. Brady's sermon, which may be found on OSLC's Facebook page.*

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Durant, Oklahoma**

**Worshipping in Place in a Time of Pandemic**

**Maundy Thursday  
April 9, 2020**



*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 we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is 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. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

**Opening Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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## Invocation

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be among us all, together and apart. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

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.

## Lessons

Exodus 12: 1-14, RSV

**12** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household; <sup>4</sup>and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; <sup>6</sup>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 in the evening.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup>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 them. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance forever.

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19. RSV

I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.  
<sup>16</sup> O Lord, I am thy servant;  
I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid.  
Thou hast loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

I Corinthians 11:23-26, RSV

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for<sup>[a]</sup> you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35, RSV

**13** 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. <sup>2</sup> And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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> rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my

feet?"<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand."<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in 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, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet,<sup>[a]</sup> but he is clean all over; and you<sup>[b]</sup> are clean, but not every one of you."<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, 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 so I am.<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.<sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant<sup>[c]</sup> is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified;<sup>32</sup> if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

#### Matthew 26: 17-30, RSV

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the passover?"<sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain one, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with my disciples.'"<sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples;<sup>[a]</sup><sup>21</sup> and as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."<sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"<sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me, will betray me."<sup>24</sup> The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."<sup>25</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"<sup>[b]</sup> He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you;<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the<sup>[c]</sup>covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>29</sup> I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## Sermon

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As together and apart we continue to watch and worship from our places of shelter, it is a remarkable evening... as Jesus gathers with his disciples to celebrate the Passover... following a remarkable three years... as the disciples have followed Jesus from one end of the country to the other... listening to Jesus' profound teaching... struggling with the depths of Jesus' teaching... watching with mouths agape... as the lepers have been made clean... as the crippled have been made to dance... as the blind have been made to see... and as most recently, Jesus has called to Lazarus, four days dead... as Jesus has called, "Lazarus come out!"... and as to the surprise of everyone there... except certainly Jesus... the four day dead Lazarus has on his own power walked out of his tomb, alive under the life-giving power of the living God.

Now, Jesus has gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover... It is a day early, befitting the custom of one for whom a long journey lies ahead... one for whom an important task cannot wait... for Jesus will very soon make the longest journey to the Cross and beyond... accomplishing the most momentous task in the history of the human family... dying for the sins of all... dying for your sins... and dying for my sins.

Gathering for dinner, remembering the events of the Jewish people's Exodus from Egypt... as God led them from slavery into the freedom of the Promised Land... before dinner, Jesus wraps a towel around his waist and begins to wash the feet of his friends... The disciples are aghast... for in their world and in their culture, there is no more unworthy... there is no more unclean part of one's body... than one's feet... and the washing of another's feet is the task of the slave... the one who is so far down the social scale as to be invisible and unworthy of even a second glance... Yet, here is Jesus... the power by which God has created all that is and was and shall be... become human in the man, Jesus of Nazareth... here is Jesus taking the lowly position of slave... and washing the feet of his friends... The disciples are aghast... and Jesus responds...

**For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them... A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have**

**loved you, that you also love one another... By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

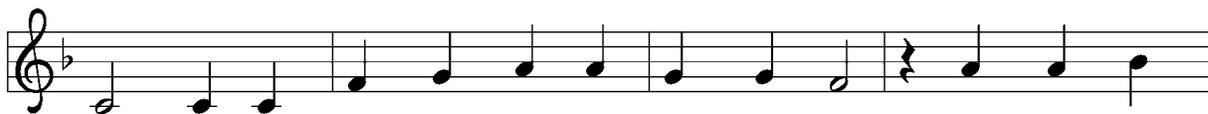
With clean feet, and with Jesus' new commandment of love ringing in their ears, the disciples sit down with their Master to celebrate the Exodus Passover meal... rich in ritual... rich in food... and flowing with wine... they celebrate according to the ancient practice of their people... until toward the end, Jesus takes a left-over loaf of bread... and with startling words, "This is my body, given for you"... Jesus takes Elijah's cup, and with startling words, "This cup is my blood of the new covenant given for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins"...Joining earthly elements with transforming words, Jesus bequeaths to all who will follow him... a meal which is at once... his last earthly supper... a meal regularly celebrated across the millennia on altars like ours... among gatherings like ours... and a foretaste of the feast of victory for our God... where with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, where with Peter and James and John... with those whom we have loved and known and who have gone before us now gather at the ultimate table of the Lord... Joining earthly elements with transforming words, Jesus institutes the sacred meal which we have known by many names... the Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Eucharist, the Mass... Jesus institutes the sacred meal in which he is at the same time both host and meal itself... for his flesh is food indeed and his blood is drink indeed... given and shed that we might be freed from sin, death, and the devil...

With newly clean feet... filled with the very gift of Jesus' body and blood... pondering new commandment of love given them by Jesus, the disciples bring the night to an end... or so they think... with the singing of a hymn... as Jesus goes off to the Garden... the Garden of Gethsemane to pray...

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day:

### Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'rers from your fold; re - store them,  
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one  
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one  
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

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## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Prayers of the People

Responsive Sentence for Maundy Thursday:  
Let us love one another: **As Christ has loved us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we often see Peter's reluctance to have you wash his feet as our hesitation in all things spiritual, for you end up touching the physical. You end up touching us. Give us the courage to let you touch us, head to toe. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, you command us to wash each other's feet. The indignity never ends! Yet we know what to ask. Give us the courage to touch one another, for the sake of healing, head to toe. **R**

Holy Spirit, courage-giver, teach us how to bend our knees, fold our hands, and lift up our eyes to the loving Father, who cared so much that He sent us His Son to die for us. We cannot match the humiliation of Jesus, but we give thanks for His holy work on our behalf. **R**

Heavenly Father, you single us out for love of such depth and beauty that we can scarcely stand it, or understand it. For the love of us, you gave your only Son! **R**

Your new commandment, Lord Jesus, is to love one another as you have loved us. When you kneel before us, towel in hand, we know we are not worthy. Wash us anyway. Make us humble. Help us be each other's keeper. **R**

Though we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, we remember that we are your precious dust. **Amen.**

## Benediction

And now may Almighty God, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us together and apart, keeping us in his light, in his grace, in his love, and his mercy, and his truth, now and forever. Amen.

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