

Maundy Thursday – Evening Prayer

This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those
who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the
upper room to mark Passover.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others
as he has done to us.

We welcome you, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.
God's spirit is with us.

*Surely God is in this place, holy ground.
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(Stephen Iverson)*

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

A Reading from the Gospel according to John
(John 13:1-17, 31-35)

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 Jesus 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.'

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, '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**

Reflection

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me*

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

(Taize Community, Psalm 101)

We offer prayers, spoken or silent, for ourselves and for others. You can type your prayers into the comment section of the Facebook post or speak them aloud in your own home. You aren't being recorded so if you say them out loud we won't be able to hear you, but God will.

*This time ends with the leader saying, "Lord in your mercy," and the group responds "**Hear our prayers.**"*

We close this section by praying together the words Jesus taught us, praying:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
(Henry F. Lyte)*

Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

**+O God, you have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Saviour,
whom you have prepared for all the world to
see:**

**A light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one
God, as it was in the beginning is now and will
be forever. Amen.**

Holy God,
source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.