

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022

PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 664

- How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
- Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
- Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

"A new commandment I give to you that you love one another, as I have loved you." *John 13:34*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

"If you love me, keep my commandments." *John 14:15*

"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." *John 13:8*

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA (Merbecke)

During the singing of the Gloria, hand bells are rung. It is the custom of the church for all bells to remain silent from after the Gloria until the Easter Vigil.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. **Amen.**

LESSON Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus:

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ 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. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 11 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. ¹² 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 judgements: I am the LORD. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm* 116.10-19

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

12 How shall I repay the Lord;

for all his benefits to me?

13 I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord,

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- 15 Grievous in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

- 16 O Lord, I am your servant; your servant and the son of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the house of the Lord, even in your midst O Jerusalem Praise the Lord.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's First Epistles to the Corinthians:

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 168

- Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
 Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
 Let us all revere him and love him, God eternal.
 Let each love Christ in sisters and in brothers all.
 God is love, and where true love is God Himself is there.
- When we Christians gather, members of one Body, let there be in us no discord, but one spirit. Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel. Christ, our God, be present always here among us. God is love, and where true love is God Himself is there.

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessèd,
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.
God is love, and where true love is God Himself is there.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: Love one another as I have loved you. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 10 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. The knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' 12 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you

are blessed if you do them. ... ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Please come forward and take a seat on one of the chairs at the front of the church and remove one shoe and sock.

The washing of the disciples' feet ends with this prayer. Lord Jesus Christ you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign with Father and the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

AMEN

MUSIC

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INTERCESSIONS

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Saviour of the World.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us

and humble us.

On this night, Christ prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of the Church . . . Lord, hear us

and unite us.

On this night, Christ prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church . . . Lord, hear us

and renew our zeal.

On this night, Christ commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved . . . Lord. hear us

and fill us with your love.

On this night, Christ reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith . . . Lord, hear us

and give us your peace.

THE PEACE

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMNN 460

- O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray that all thy church might be for ever one, grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done': O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 2 For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace: thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
 O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
 back to the faith which saints believed of old,
 back to the church which still that faith doth keep:
 soon may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love: more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks, Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this night he girded himself with a towel and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples. He gave us a new commandment that we should love one another as he has loved us. Knowing that his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples to be a memorial of his passion, that we might proclaim his death until he comes again, and feast with him in his kingdom. Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The celebrant distributes communion.

HYMN 439

- 1 Dearest Jesu, we are here, at thy call, thy presence owning; pleading now in holy fear that great sacrifice atoning: Word incarnate, much in wonder on this mystery deep we ponder.
- Jesu, strong to save the same yesterday, today, for ever make us fear and love thy name, serving thee with best endeavour: in this life, O ne'er forsake us, but to bliss hereafter take us.

Please remain kneeling throughout.

The sacrament will be taken to the garden during which time the choir sings "Pange Lingua" (Of the glorious Body telling, O my tongue, its mysteries sing.)

The altar is now stripped, symbolising Jesus's own stripping. All ornaments and decorations are removed from the church. During the stripping of the altar the choir will sing Psalm 22.

After the altar has been stripped please join the one-hour watch in the garden. Those who are not joining all or part of the watch are asked to depart in silence.

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