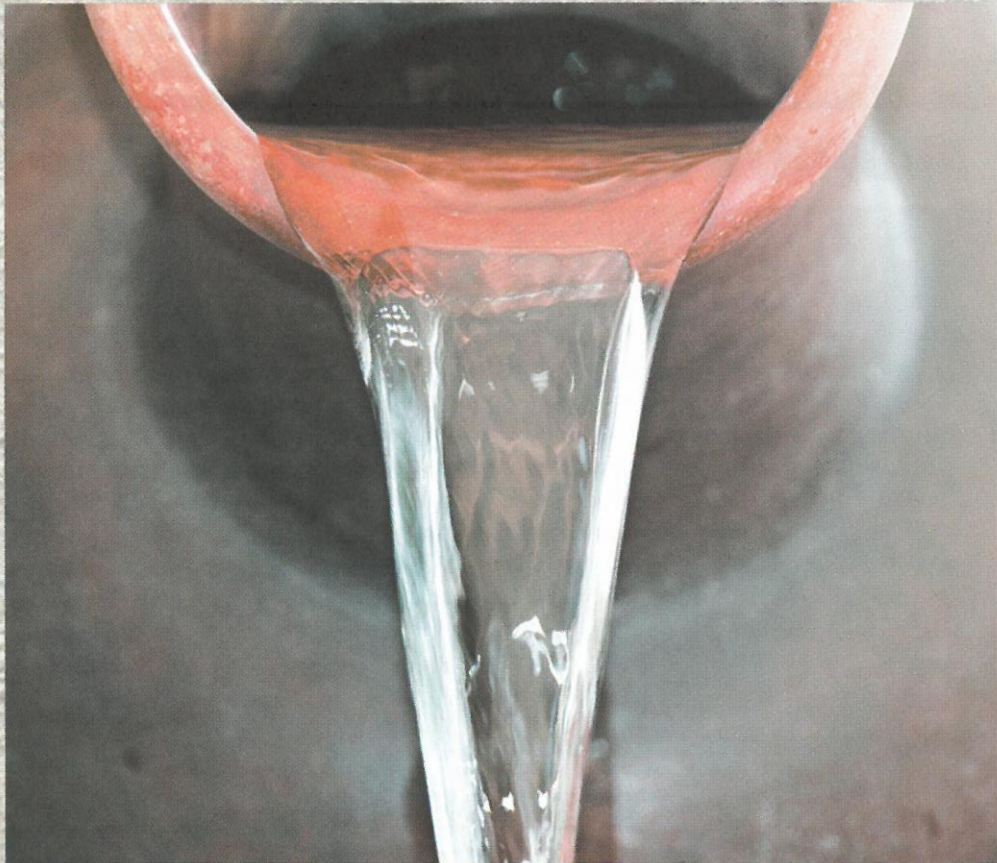


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Jesus **riseth** from supper
...and began to
wash the disciples' feet...
"Know ye *what I have done to you?"*



that ye should do as I have done to you."
"The **servant is not** greater than his **lord**"
"A **new commandment** I give unto you,
That ye **love one another**"
"...as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Maundy Thursday

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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN

THE SEASON OF LENT

“Selfless Love”

On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. This beginning of the Three Days liturgy does not end tonight; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Resurrection of Our Lord. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(* Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

GREETING AND LITANY

In the name of the Father,

Who selflessly sent his one and only Son to be our servant.

and of the Son,

You bent down and washed the disciples' feet.

and of the Holy Spirit,

Who continues to dwell in the bodies of sinful people to serve them by making them holy. Amen!

Amen! Amen!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING SONG

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this,

O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse

for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

*When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Selfless Savior, Lord Jesus, On this night you showed us what true selfless love was all about.

Yet, instead of taking your example, we continue our selfish ways.

You served your disciples by washing their feet and giving them your true body and blood.

We look the other way when there is someone who needs serving. We are selfish human beings who don't deserve anything from you. We throw ourselves at your feet, and we beg for your mercy.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

According to your endless mercy and grace, and because of your selfless love we are bold to ask you to forgive us for all of these grievous faults.

***EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – THE GOOD NEWS**

Your servant Savior, Jesus Christ, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing. Being a selfless servant he gave up his life on the cross so that you would not die forever. By the grace of God and as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 9:9-18

⁹The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar; and the rest of the blood he poured out at the base of the altar. ¹⁰But the fat, the kidneys, and the appendage of the liver from the sin offering he turned into smoke on the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses; ¹¹and the flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp.

¹²Then he slaughtered the burnt offering. Aaron's sons brought him the blood, and he dashed it against all sides of the altar.

¹³And they brought him the burnt offering piece by piece, and the head, which he turned into smoke on the altar. ¹⁴He washed the entrails and the legs and, with the burnt offering, turned them into smoke on the altar.

¹⁵Next he presented the people's offering. He took the goat of the sin offering that was for the people, and slaughtered it, and presented it as a sin offering like the first one. ¹⁶He presented the burnt offering, and sacrificed it according to regulation. ¹⁷He presented the grain offering, and, taking a handful of it, he turned it into smoke on the altar, in addition to the burnt offering of the morning.

¹⁸He slaughtered the ox and the ram as a sacrifice of well-being for the people. Aaron's sons brought him the blood, which he dashed against all sides of the altar,

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:4-8

⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 13:1-38

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, 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. ⁵Then 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?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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?" ¹³You

call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

²¹After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples — the one whom Jesus loved — was reclining next to him; ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." ³⁷Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Selfless Love

Pastor Bill Peters

SONG OF THE DAY

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

*Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

*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.

***COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Father in heaven, your selfless love for us caused you to send your one and only Son to our sinful earth to suffer and die on our behalf. Remind us of that love daily that we may show and share your love with everyone around us, even our enemies. Lord, in your selfless love,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, your selfless love for your church is evident in the love that the members of the church show to each other and to the world. Give to your church your light and your peace so that it may be even more evident to others in our homes, communities and throughout the world. Lord, in your selfless love,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God, you chasten and you heal, you give life and you take it away. Blessed be your name. Bless those who mourn the loss of loved ones this day with the hope of the resurrection. Heal all who need healing in your own way and in your own time. Give peace to all who are troubled in mind or spirit, and fill us with your selfless love and a peace that is above all human understanding. Lord, in your selfless love.

Hear our prayer. Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE AND RESPONSE**

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. Hosanna in the highest.

***SONG OF HUMILITY AND HOPE** *“Lamb of God”*

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.

SONG

“Jesus, Remember Me”
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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✠ JESUS – SUFFERED, DIED AND BURIED ✠

SONG

“Glory Be to Jesus”
Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life blood
from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
did the world redeem.

Abel’s blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

Please leave in silence.

✠ **THANKSGIVING** ✠

God invites us to respond to His grace

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

"GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN"

Good Friday

2:00 pm Winnebago; 3:00 pm Silver Lake

7:00 pm Bethany & Immanuel

Easter Sunday

7:00 am Bethany & Immanuel

9:00 am Silver Lake

10:30 am Lunder & Winnebago

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Loving Vulnerably

For many North American churchgoers Maundy Thursday is one of the most physically vulnerable occasions in the church year. Whereas other cultures view bare feet as an everyday facet of human life, North Americans tend to be a bit more squeamish when it comes to letting others see, let alone touch or wash, our feet. Feet come in many forms, shaped by the rhythm and circumstances of their own journeys. Feet are intimate, unique, and completely personal. The feet that enter our churches on this day may be cracked, frail, broken, or scarred.

The mere prospect of an encounter with any of these feet as a ritual component to Maundy Thursday worship can feel overwhelming and off-putting to some. It is no accident, though, that a command to love comes coupled with a moment of vulnerability. On the very night that Jesus commands us to love one another, we find him down at the feet of his protesting disciples, enacting a most vulnerable form of love: washing away the dust, dirt, and grime.

It would be one thing if this command to love only extended to people who look, act, and think like us, yet there is no hint in our gospel text that Judas's feet were excluded from Jesus' foot washing. This is a risky and difficult love, extended to those who betray us and hurt us, those whom we would rather call "enemy" than "friend." This kind of love is just as up-close and personal as an intimate encounter with broken, worried, tired, and worn-out feet. Living this kind of love can feel precarious, even dangerous.

If on this Maundy Thursday the thought of having your feet washed or of washing someone else's feet feels vulnerable to you, don't push away the feeling. Notice it. Perhaps you are closer than ever to understanding the radical nature of Jesus' command to love one another.