MAUNDY THURSDAY
Simple Supper, Foot Washing, & Holy Eucharist
April 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Come Eat, Go Serve

*Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever you believe, whatever you don’t believe, you are welcome at Christ’s Table, where we become a community united to serve the needs of the world.*
The purpose of worship at St. Luke’s is to connect with God, with each other, and with the world. We are a people who practice expanding worship into all aspects of our lives throughout the week. We intentionally shape the worship experience to dissolve the barrier between the sacred and the secular.

We connect by:

- Engaging scripture and looking for its relevance in our lives.
- Considering current events from a Christian perspective.
- Saying our prayers, lifting up the concerns of our families, neighborhoods, nation, and global village.
- Greeting each other in God’s love.
- Sharing the bread and wine.
- Looking to the beauty and wisdom of our traditions as well as new ways of connecting with God, each other, and the world.

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Greeting and Prayer for Maundy Thursday

Tonight’s celebration and commemoration is the heart of Holy Week. It is the beginning of Jesus’ last days. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday form what is called the Triduum. In these three days we tell the story of Jesus’ passion and how he struggled with his fate and faith, the betrayal of his friends, trial, suffering, crucifixion and death. His passion gives us a way to think on our lives and what it means to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and body. Through his story we gather the courage and strength to be faithful to God and God’s call to love.

Maundy comes from the word “mandatum” which is based on John 13:34 “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Since the early 4th century this service has been observed by combining Paul’s account of the institution of the Eucharist and the account in the gospel according to John of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet.

It is debated by scholars whether or not Jesus’ last meal was at Passover or in preparation for his death. Whatever the reason he gathered with his friends it was grounded in Jewish ritual and infused with our ancestors’ hopes and expectations. We start this night by hearing the Exodus story that is the basis of the Jewish Seder.
Let us pray,

We give thanks to you, O God, for this food and this night which unites us as a community of faith and hope; for the memories of our ancestors whose sacred stories give us courage to go into the darkness and be light, to go where there is no peace and be peace. We give thanks for these three days consecrated by the love and sacrifice of Jesus in whom we find our way of being your people in the world. You, O God, are the joy of our life, the Source of its greatness, its power and its beauty. Help us, O God, Ruler of the Universe, to find inspiration in the coming days and peace within ourselves and one another for the sake of the One who dared to go to death and back again that we might know fullness of life. Amen.
Part I from Exodus 12:1-14

Narrator: While the Israelites were still in bondage in the land of Egypt, God spoke to Moses and his brother, Aaron saying,

Reader 1: You must speak to the entire community of Israel and say,

Reader 2: On the tenth of this month, each household must take and slaughter a lamb without blemish. You must put some of the blood on the doorposts and lintels of your houses. That night, the lamb is to be eaten roasted over the fire. You must not have anything left over; whatever is not eaten must be burned.

Reader 3: You shall eat it standing up, with your shoes and coats on, and with your staff in hand. You must eat quickly.

Reader 4: This is Passover in honor of the Lord.

Reader 1: On that night I am going to go through the whole land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn in the land, man and beast alike.

Reader 3: The blood of the lamb will serve to mark the houses where you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and you will escape the destruction.
Narrator:  Blessed are you!

People:  Blessed are you!

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who spared our ancestors in faith.

Narrator:  The Lord also told the people:

Reader 1:  From now on you are to celebrate this Passover as a feast in honor of the Lord.

Reader 2:  It is to be kept as a day of festival for all generations to come.

Reader 3:  You are to celebrate it forever.

Narrator:  Blessed are you!

People:  Blessed are you!

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who has given us this feast.

Narrator:  Moses summoned all the elders of Israel, and told them everything that God had commanded him to say.

Reader 1:  When the Israelites heard the message, they bowed down and worshipped God. Then they hurried back to their homes and did all that God had commanded.
Reader 2: And it came to pass that the angel of God struck down the firstborn of all the land of Egypt, man and beast alike.

Reader 3: But when the angel found a house with blood on the lintel and doorposts, the angel passed over and spared those inside.

Narrator: Blessed be God!

People: Blessed be God!
Blessed be the God of compassion.
Blessed be the God of compassion and blessed be God’s holy name.

Narrator: Each year after the people of God celebrated this feast. Parents explained its meaning to their children and they in turn explained it to their children.

Child 1: Why is this night different from all other nights?
Child 2: Why do we eat only unleavened bread?
Child 3: Why do we eat bitter herbs?
Child 4: Why do we eat standing?

People: We do these things to remember the Passover of the Lord.
Reader 1: Once we were slaves in the land of Egypt but the Lord rescued us on this holy night. That is why this night is forever special, and different from all other nights.

Reader 2: We eat unleavened bread because there was no time that night to let it rise.

Reader 3: We eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

Reader 4: We eat standing up because our ancestors were ready to go that night without a moment’s delay.

Narrator: For thirteen hundred years our ancestors celebrated Passover. And at the end of that time Jesus, God’s Anointed One, came to celebrate it on his last night with his friends. Blessed be God!

People: **Blessed be God!**

**Blessed be God in Jesus.**

**Blessed be God in Jesus, the Anointed One.**
Part II from John 13:1-17

Narrator: On the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover for the last time with his disciples. He knew his death was near. Judas had already arranged to betray him as soon as the opportunity arose. He loved them and now showed them a sign of perfect love.

Reader 1: They were seated at supper. Jesus knew that he came from God and was going back to God.

Reader 2: Jesus got up from the table, removed his outer garment and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began washing his friends’ feet, and wiped them dry with the towel around his waist.

Narrator: He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

Reader 3: Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

Reader 4: I know you don’t understand what I’m doing now but later you will.

Reader 3: Never! You shall never wash my feet!

Reader 4: If I do not wash you, then you won’t be able to carry out the ministry of God that I need you to carry out.

Reader 3: Then wash my hands and face as well!

Reader 4: No one who has bathed needs to be washed again. You are already clean. This is not because you are dirty but because I want to show you what it means to love each other as God loves you.
Narrator: Blessed be God!

People: Blessed be God!

Blessed be God in Jesus, the Anointed One.
Blessed be God in Jesus, the Anointed One, who shows us how to serve with God’s love.

Footwashing
When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes again and sat down. He asked them,

Do you understand? You call me leader and Lord and that is what I am. If I, your leader and Lord, have washed your feet then you should wash each other’s feet.

Blessed be God!

Blessed be God!
Blessed be God in Jesus.
Blessed be God in Jesus, who commands us to bathe each other with God’s love.

Then Jesus took bread and gave thanks saying,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has brought forth bread from the earth.

He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me.
Narrator: Then he took the cup of wine and gave thanks,
Reader 2: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.
Narrator: He gave the cup to his disciples and said,
Reader 1: This cup is the new covenant made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me.

Narrator: Therefore, every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we join with Christ and become the presence of God.
Reader 2: The God who rescued our ancestors through the blood of the lamb continues to rescue us from our bondage. We remember our rescue and return by eating the bread and drinking the wine.
Narrator: Come, now, to the table to share the cup and break the bread. Come, now, to the table to experience the presence of Christ who is the living presence of a loving God. Come, now, to the table and remember Christ into your lives. Blessed are you!

People: Blessed are you!
Blessed are you, our Lord and our God!
Blessed are we, the beloved of God, who now enjoy the Holy Feast of the Kingdom.
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