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Holy / Maundy Thursday

A Service of Remembrance

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Greeting (Responsive):

One: Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: We trust that God is with us,

All: even when we or those we love are hurting.

One: We are not alone.

All: We trust in God.

Welcome - What is Maundy Thursday?



(Please stand as able)

Voices United # 343 - "I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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(Please be seated)

Gathering Call (Responsive):

One: We gather to support one another, and to
experience the empowering presence of Jesus.

All: We pray for ourselves and for all who are in need, for the renewal of our spirits and the strengthening of our body, mind, feelings, and relationships, as we remember this Holy Thursday miracle.

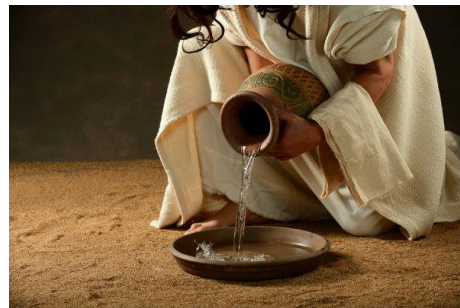
One: The friend, teacher and healer became a servant and helped God touch the world in a new.

All: God touches us, embracing us in healing love, and calls us to live as the body of Christ. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Voices United # 130 - "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end, and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.
2. A lasting Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after supper he washed their feet, for service too, is sacrament. In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond the uttermost: in ev'ry room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.



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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): John 13:31

Holy One, Jesus is glorified and you are glorified in him, at this moment of servanthood. Empower us to love and serve as Jesus did, so that everyone will know Your Love in us and through us. Now and Forever. **Amen.**

(Please remain seated)

Voices United # 341 - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-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 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? 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.

(Please remain seated)

Voices United # 266 - "Amazing Grace" (vv. 1-3)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.



Gospel John 13:31b-35

When he 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."

(Please remain seated)

Voices United # 266 - "Amazing Grace" (vv. 4-5)

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Blessing You Cannot Turn Back
For Holy Thursday —Jan Richardson
from Circle of Grace

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Commissioning (All):

One: Renewed in the life of Christ by sign and action,
live your lives in him, rooted in his Body
established in faith, and abounding in thanksgiving.



**All: May the blessing of God continue to be evident to us
as we journey on. And help us share this anointing
of Love with EVERYONE!**

Voices United # 144 – “Were You There” (all 5 verses)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
4. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
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5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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**(at the 5th verse we begin to leave the sanctuary quietly)*