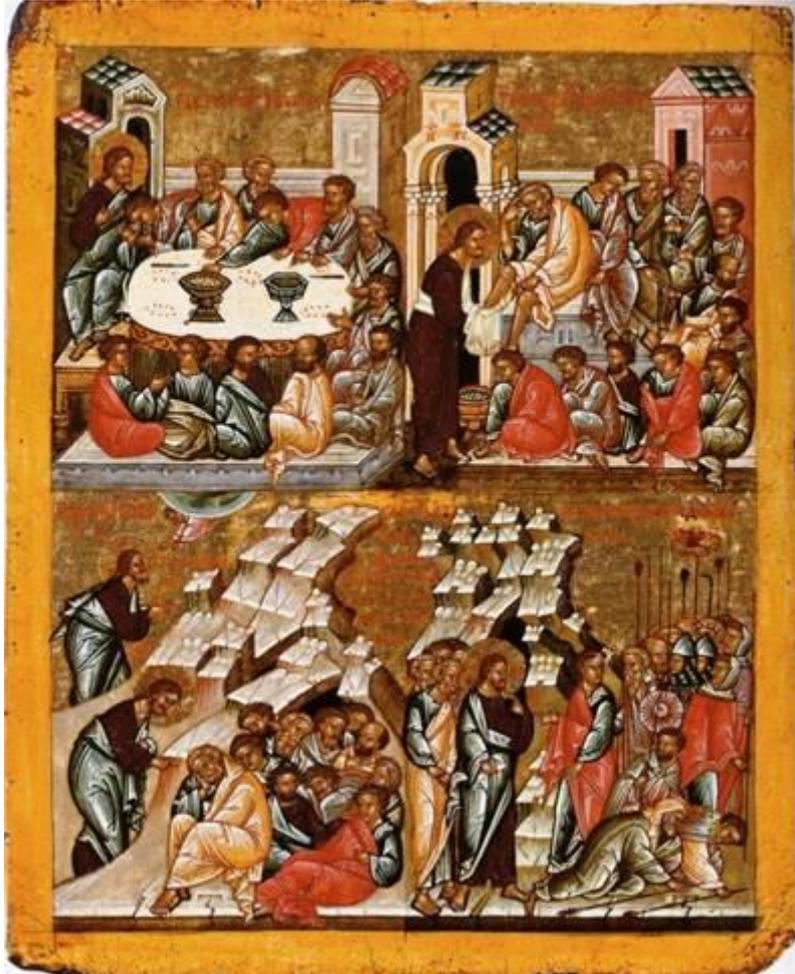


## THE FIRST SERVICE: MAUNDY THURSDAY

9 April 2020



In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND DECLARATION OF GRACE

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.

**Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!**

Wash away all my evil

**and make me clean from my sin!**

I recognize my faults;

**I am always conscious of my sins.**

I have sinned against you—only against you —

**and done what you consider evil.**

So you are right in judging me;

**you are justified in condemning me.**

I have been evil from the day I was born;

**from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.**

Sincerity and truth are what you require;

**fill my mind with your wisdom.**

Remove my sin, and I will be clean;

**wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;  
**and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.**

Close your eyes to my sins  
**and wipe out all my evil.**

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord God, our heavenly Father,**  
**I am a sinner**  
**and I have sinned against you,**  
**not only in my words and actions,**  
**but also in my secret thoughts and desires**  
**which I cannot fully know or understand,**  
**but which you know completely.**  
**I am sorry that I have displeased you,**  
**and repent of the evil I have done.**  
**For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**have mercy on me,**  
**forgive my sins,**  
**and graciously help me in my weakness.**  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.**

#### **HYMN 295**

**1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,**  
**In thanksgiving bow before Thee.**  
**Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish**  
**Our weak souls that they may flourish.**  
**O Lord, have mercy.**  
**By Thy body, pure as none other,**  
**Born of Mary, Thy virgin mother,**  
**By Thy blood**  
**For us shed,**  
**Help us in the hour of need.**  
**O Lord, have mercy.**

**2 Thy holy body into death was given,**  
**Life to win for us in heaven.**  
**No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;**  
**May this feast thereof remind us.**  
**O Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee**  
**That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.**  
**All our debt**

**Thou hast paid:  
Peace with God once more is made.  
O Lord, have mercy.**

**3 May God bestow on us His grace and blessing,  
That, new life in Him possessing,  
We walk as brethren in true love and union,  
And ne'er rue this blest communion.  
O Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, let not Thy Spirit forsake us,  
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;  
Let Thy Church  
Ever see  
Days of peace and unity.  
O Lord, have mercy.**

Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet  
Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
St.1: 15th century  
Tr. cento, based on Richard Massie, 1854

#### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray to receive life through the body and blood of Christ. *[silence]* Heavenly Father, your Son instituted his holy supper as our Passover feast, and gave his life for us. Unite us all by faith in him, so that we who eat his body and drink his blood may pass with him from death to life, and serve one another in love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING — Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

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.

*Response:* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTOR: Psalm 116:1,2;12-19**

*Antiphon:* **Our blessing cup is a communion in the blood of the Lord.**

**SECOND READING — 1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

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, 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.' 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.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world

*Response:* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING — 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.

'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.'

*Response:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

#### **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 worshipped 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.**

#### **HYMN 344**

1 Our God is love, and all His saints  
His image bear below;  
The heart with love to God inspired  
With love to man will glow.

2 Teach us to love each other, Lord,  
As we are loved by Thee;  
None who are truly born of God  
Can live in enmity.

3 Heirs of the same immortal bliss,  
Our hopes and fears the same,  
With bonds of love our hearts unite,  
With mutual love inflame.

4 So may the unbelieving world  
 See how true Christians love;  
 And glorify our Saviour's grace,  
 And seek that grace to prove.

Thomas Cotterill's 'Selection of Psalms and Hymns', 1819

## **SERMON**

## **FOOTWASHING**

### **SONG DURING FOOTWASHING: HYMN 853**

A new commandment I give unto you,  
 that you love one another, as I have loved you,  
 that you love one another, as I have loved you;  
 by this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
 if you have love one for another.  
 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
 if you have love one for another.

Based on John 13:34  
 Author unknown

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of love and peace † be with you.  
**Amen.**

*The Cantor sings: Stay here and keep watch with me*

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The altar appointments and cloths are removed. This is done as the cantor sings verse from Psalm 22.*

*Worship continues on Good Friday at 10am.*