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**REMEMBRANCE**  
Of Me

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*April 9, 2020 11:00 am & 7:00 pm*

*MAUNDY THURSDAY*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

Opening Hymn    *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*    No. 609

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner,  
confess to you all my sins and iniquities  
with which I have offended You,  
and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them and repent of them,  
and I pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ,**

**be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being;  
forgive my sins,**

**give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life,  
and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God, who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

### **PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I repay the LORD**

**for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I am your servant;**

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>17</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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,<sup>24</sup> 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."<sup>25</sup> 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."<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 26:26-30, 36-39**

Now as they were eating Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives ... Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Pastor Rayl

No. 471

*(Please stand)*

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offertory Anthem      "Thirty Pieces of Silver"      Beall / Carter

(Please stand)

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

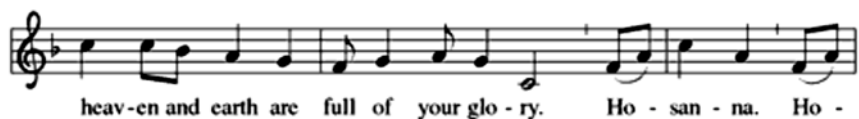
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful, God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(prayed by 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, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**The Communion** *(distribution will be by continuous serving)*

*"All baptized Christians, believing that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Infants, children and others who have not been baptized are welcome to come to receive a blessing."*

*(When coming to receive Communion, please fill out a Communion registration card located in the pew rack and give it to the usher.)*

*(After all have communed, please stand)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen and sustain you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*(The congregation is seated—7:00 pm service only)*

*Please remain seated as the Altar will be stripped. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of His power and glory, is now in the hands of His captors. No further words are said. It is all one extended service from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday to Easter.*

***The church is left in semi-darkness  
and all leave in silence.***

*Thus, the transition is made from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death on Good Friday.*

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April 9, 2020

MAUNDY THURSDAY

### **Friends in Christ**

In John 15:15 Jesus tells his disciples, "I do not call you servants any longer, but friends." We usually think of the foot washing as a symbol of service, a lesson of how we are to serve others in humility and love. It is truer to the core of the Gospel of John, though, to see it as a symbol of friendship, of mutual service. John understands Jesus to be forming a community of love where there are no servants and no masters, not even humble ones. The community is one where even Jesus is not master, but friend: one who lays down his life for his friends (John 15:13).

When Peter resists Jesus' servant-like behavior, Jesus' response to his resistance is absolute: "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." If Jesus were just giving an object lesson in humility, it is hard to understand how Peter's whole salvation could hinge upon his participation. Couldn't Peter learn the lesson by watching Jesus wash another disciple's feet? Couldn't he take in the example and follow it by serving others humbly?

What Jesus tells Peter makes more sense, though, if Jesus is enacting the mutuality that defines his community of love. If Peter does not want to participate in this mutuality, Peter has no share with Jesus. Peter's resistance is based on his sense of the human hierarchy, where the master should not act like a servant. It is that hierarchy that has no place in the Jesus-community. If Peter cannot get beyond that, he will have no place in the community of friends. Peter must not only learn to wash, he must learn to be washed, and to be served even by the Lord. The signature of the community of Jesus' followers is mutual service, washing and being washed: no masters, no servants, but friends.