

Maundy Thursday: *Confession and Forgiveness*

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for **Commandment**. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

SERMON

MAUNDY THURSDAY INSTRUCTION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us make confession to God.

We pray in reflective silence

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 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

**¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,**

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

**¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things
God has done for me?**

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

**¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: *See back cover*

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*The service ends in **silence**. There is no dismissal or postlude.*