

### I give you a new commandment: love one another as I loved you

# THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

Our offering tonight will go to Helpline House. Please click here to donate and please be generous. Thank you.

Welcome. Tonight we come together to share an in-home Maundy Thursday service. Maundy means "mandate" and it was on this night that Jesus gave to his friends a new mandate, a new commandment — to love one another. Tonight we recall the intimacy of Jesus' table fellowship with his first disciples, following his command to "do this" as both a sign of his presence and the means of his living presence among us now.

Tonight, the way we love each other is to be in our own homes. We are happy to invite you into our home and to be worshipping at home just as you are. Please join in fully by singing, eating, praying, washing feet and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and receiving spiritual communion.



Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

A Reading from the Farewell Discourses in John's Gospel Hear now the words Jesus said to his friends on the night before he died.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:1-17, 31b-35) **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

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. 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 1 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

SONG - Where charity and love prevail by Bob Hurd

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray

We pray for the church in the world...

We pray for all the peoples of the earth...

We pray for justice and peace, and for all in authority...

We pray for the ones on the front lines of the coronavirus...

We pray for all in need of healing, peace and comfort...

We pray for the ones we love but see no longer...

# The presider adds a concluding collect.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### THE PEACE

Presiding Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All light their candles as the presider says:

As Jesus traveled he spread light wherever he went, light that could not be extinguished. We pray that the light of Christ would shine through us and be a blessing to all.

#### BLESSING OF THE MEAL

The bread and wine or other beverage are placed in front of participants. The service mentions wine, which was a staple (and safe – water was not safe) in the ancient world. Please use whatever beverage is a staple at your table.

This Agape meal follows the shape of the last supper, and therefore will sound familiar and much like the Eucharist. However a priest is not required because the elements are not consecrated. They are however blessed, something all Christians are called to do. The one who blesses the bread holds it up for all to see.

On the night Jesus gathered with his friends he took bread, blessed it and shared it with his friends, for God who loves us, feeds us. As God's people ate manna in the wilderness and were satisfied, so we share this bread with Christ, and with one another. May it be for us bread from heaven, strength for our bodies, balm for our souls, and may it strengthen us to be Christ's body in this world.

The bread is passed to all.

The one who blesses the wine or other beverage holds it up for all to see.

On the night Jesus gathered with his friends he took wine and he blessed it and shared it with them. For the God who made us delights in us, and gives us good gifts to delight our tongues, and give joy to our souls. As Jesus offered the Samaritan woman water that will not fail, so Jesus offers us the same. May this be for us the holy drink of heaven, and may it wash us of sin and quench the thirst of our souls.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

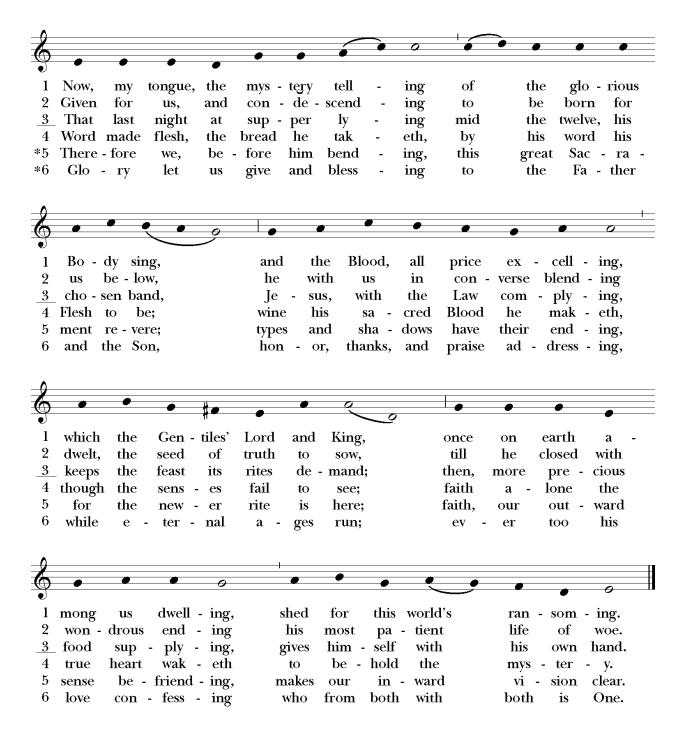
Presider Let us pray.

Holy and lifegiving God, we thank you for the bounty of your Creation and for all you have given us. We thank you for blessing our food and drink, making it for us a holy meal. We give thanks for all who labored to bring it to our table and sustain us, and we ask that through it you would give us the strength to be your good stewards; to care for and tend your creation, and to care especially for all the people of this world. Tonight, be with all of our St Barnabas community whom we love and miss, and unite us in your love. We ask these things by the grace of Jesus Christ our Brother and the Holy Spirit our friend and guide. **Amen**.

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Now my tongue, the mystery telling

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# A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Jesus is betrayed and arrested

SONG – Bitter was the night by Sydney Carter

#### PSALM 88, read by all in unison.

1 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.

10 How shall I repay the Lord \* for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all his people.

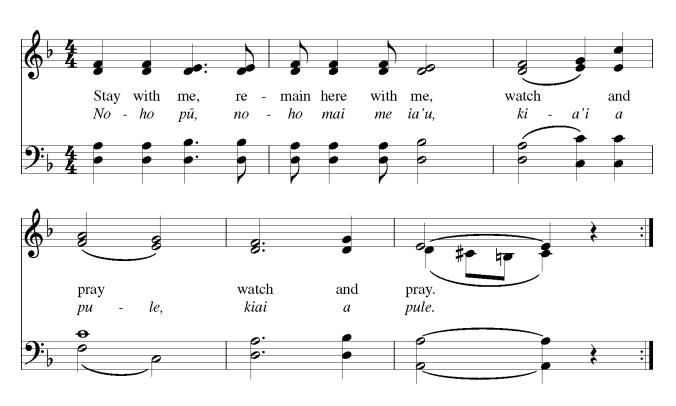
13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \* is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!



Our vigil lasts until noon on Good Friday.



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