

**A Service of Evening Prayer**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**Maundy Thursday**



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

**CP 189 Alone Thou Goest Forth O Lord**

1 Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,  
 in sacrifice to die:  
 is this thy sorrow naught to us  
 who pass unheeding by?

3 This is earth's darkest hour, but thou  
 dost light and life restore;  
 then let all praise be given thee  
 who livest evermore.

2 Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord;  
 make us thy sorrow feel,  
 till through our pity and our shame,  
 love answers love's appeal.

4 Give us compassion with thee, Lord,  
 that, as we share this hour  
 thy cross may bring us to thy joy  
 and resurrection power.

This is the day  
 that Christ the Lamb of God  
 gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day  
 that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day  
 that Christ took a towel  
 and washed the disciples' feet,  
 giving us an example that we should do to others  
 as he has done to us.

This is the day  
 that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
 that we who eat this bread  
 and drink this cup  
 may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice  
 and be partakers of his resurrection,  
 and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19     *Refrain:* I will lift up the cup of salvation

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
    You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Exodus 12:1–14

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:  
<sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.  
<sup>3</sup> 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.  
<sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.  
<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.  
<sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.  
<sup>7</sup> 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.  
<sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.  
<sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.  
<sup>11</sup> 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.  
<sup>12</sup> 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 judgments: I am the LORD.  
<sup>13</sup> 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.  
<sup>14</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God.**

### A Reading from 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

<sup>23</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### John 13:1–17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,

<sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

<sup>10</sup> 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.”

<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup> 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?”

<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

<sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

<sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

<sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> 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.'

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 5743254 By This We Know Love

1 God of all creation  
Lord of heaven's light  
Descended into evil's darkest night  
Infinitely holy  
Your perfections know no end  
Selflessly You died my rightful death

2 Forsaken man of sorrows  
Hated by all men  
You willingly surrendered for my sin  
Scornfully derided  
Yet in silence stumbling on  
Bearing wrath for all that I've done wrong

**Chorus**

***By this we know love that He laid down  
His life***

***God's very own Son came from Heaven  
to die***

***Suspended He hung as He shed His  
own blood***

***What grace in His pardon by this we  
know love***

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
on the night before his death,  
Jesus set an example for his disciples  
by washing their feet, an act of humble service.  
He taught that strength and growth  
in the life of the kingdom of God  
come not by power, authority, or even miracle,  
but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you to remember this act of humility and care instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering His admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

### Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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.**

### Confession and Absolution

*The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.*

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

O God,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
has left to us this meal of bread and wine  
in which we share his body and his blood.  
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love  
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CP 184 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know;  
but O my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

### The Dismissal

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen**