

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9, 2020

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION**

Pastor: Let us make confession unto God. *Silence for reflection...*

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit to renew and transform my life.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Christ we are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made children of God. We celebrate the new life which God gives us in Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

**“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”**

**ELW 360**

1. Love consecrates the humblest act  
And haloes mercy's deeds;  
It sheds a benediction sweet  
And hallows human needs.

Of his disciples, he gave us  
A sign of love complete.

2. When in the shadow of the cross  
Christ knelt and washed the feet

3. Love serves and willing stoops to serve;  
What Christ in love so true  
Has freely done for one and all,  
Let us now gladly do!

**DIALOGUE**

Leader: Behold, now is the acceptable time.

**People: now is the day of salvation.**

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,

**People: who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: God forgives you all your sins,

**People: and heals all your infirmities.**

Leader: God redeems your life from the grave,

**People: and crowns you with mercy and loving kindness.**

Leader: God satisfies you with good things,

**People: and your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: and all that is within me bless God's holy name.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**People: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesu Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “Where True Love and Charity Abide (Ubi Caritas)” Taize Chant**

**GOSPEL**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW 708**

**Refrain:**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from  
you.**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.

**Refrain**

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.

**Refrain**

3. These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

**Refrain**

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.

**Refrain**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God’s love for all who are in need.

*Each petition ends...*

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

Pastor: We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and leads us in the way of love and service, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May Almighty God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN   “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”   ELW 712**

1. Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need  
who upon the cross, forsaken  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
counsel, aide, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

## **SENDING**

Assistant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**