

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1st, 2021

Welcome

We invite you to light a candle if you are able and if you can, have a piece of bread ready with grape juice, wine, or something that can be representative of grape juice or wine.

Please note that the bolded parts are meant to be read by you at home.

Opening Responses

Presider: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: We gather in community together, an online community of hope and love.

All: We gather to remember Jesus who gathered with his friends in an Upper

Room.

Presider: Jesus washed feet, broke bread, lifted a cup to celebrate a new commandment to love and a new way of living hope in the world.

All: This night we are reminded again to love and to receive the blessing of bread and fruit of the vine.

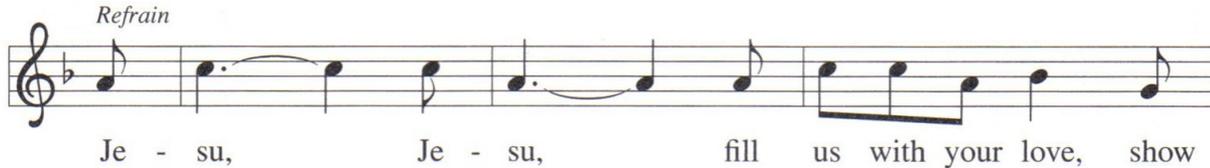
Presider: This is God's doing, marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

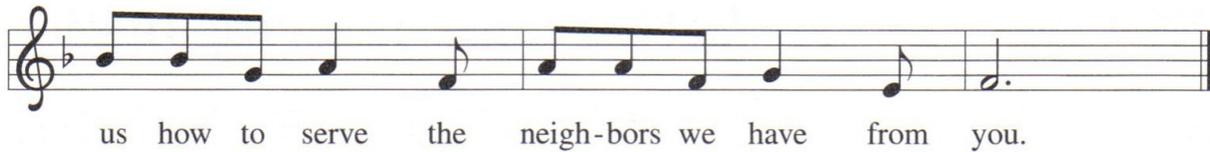
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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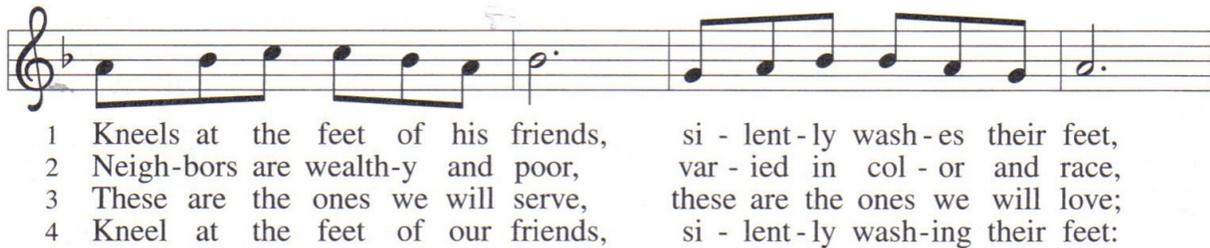
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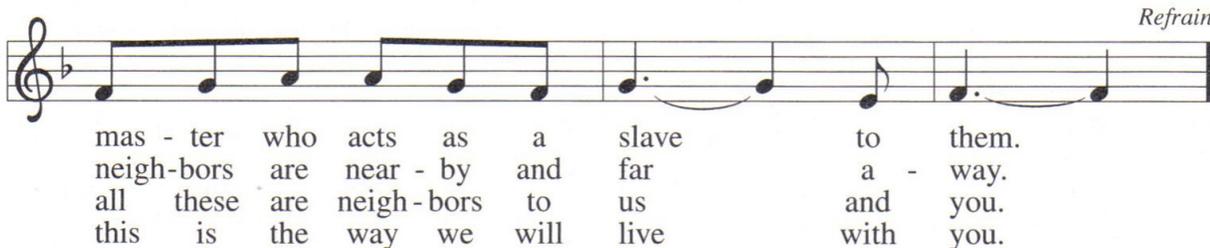
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Let us pray...

All: Most merciful God, in whom we live and move and have our being, be with us now. Be with us on this night when we remember Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper and washing feet, but also as we remember how to be community together even when we cannot be physically present to one another.

Presider: Loving God, we confess to you those things that we have done or failed to do, all those things for which we are sorry. In a moment of silence, we bring to you those things that weigh heavily on our hearts... *moment of silence*. O God, may your blessing rest upon us. May your peace, which passes our understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; rooted in your love, may your forgiveness rest upon us and cleanse us to begin anew.

All: O God, bless us with your presence that your Spirit unite us in love, encourage us to live your gift of hope, and empower us to be faithful servants of one another. As people united in grace and compassion, we gather with Jesus' friends in every place and generation to live once again this story of service and love, challenge and courage, death and new life. We pray in the name of Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, are to be worshiped as One God for ever and ever. Amen.

Ubi caritas et amor

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Where True Charity and Love Abide

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Ritual is more than habit. What we do in God-worship is filled with grace and meaning! Holy Communion words remind us of slavery to haste and ignorance. The meal is duty and delight. In Christ, God gives and forgives, touching us in bread and wine, in life and spirit. That mandate is expressed by Paul in 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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

May the Church hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord....

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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."

"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 I 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."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

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1 Je - su, joy of our de - sir - ing, ho - ly wis - dom,
2 Through the way where hope is guid - ing, hark, what peace - ful

love most bright; drawn by you, our souls as - pir - ing soar to
mu - sic rings; where the flock, in you con - fid - ing, drink of

un - cre - at - ed light. Word of God, our flesh that fash - ioned,
joy from death - less springs. Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est plea - sure;

with the fire of life im - pas - sioned, striv - ing still to
theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sure. You, for - ev - er,

truth un - known, soar - ing, dy - ing round your throne.
lead your own in the love of joys un - known.

Prayers of Intercession

Presider: On this day when we eat bread and the fruit of the vine together, even while separated due to COVID-19, when we hear Jesus' mandate to love, and commemorate the call to freedom, we pray for the Church and the world:

Reader: For the whole church that we may grow together in unity and servanthood. Help us to know that we are connected through Christ in serving the world with compassion, hope and love. Bless our denominations and the work of the World Council of Churches in creating harmony and seeking peace. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Reader: For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for all who are working for reconciliation with Indigenous people here in Canada and all who are seeking to end systemic racism. We pray for all engaged in the ministry of peace-building everywhere around the world. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Reader: For the hungry in body or spirit, that all may be fed and sustained by your love and abundance. May we all learn to share the gifts of the earth so that all life will thrive. Bless farmers and those who till the soil; bless those who help people discover the spiritual resources to live into your promise of abundant life. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Reader: For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for those who have contracted COVID-19, for all known to us who are ill and who we name in this moment of silence.... [allow a moment of silence], and for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of your love and healing presence. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Reader: For peace and justice in those lands in our world where there is oppression and injustice, for those who work in so many different organizations to create healing and provide basic health care and clean water, for those citizens who are seeking to resist authoritarian regimes that care nothing for human dignity or justice, may your peace bless us all. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Reader: For the world in which we live, for plants and animals nearing extinction, for the climate, and for all life that is affected by climate disruption, may the abundance of your compassion renew life; give us the will to change our ways so that life may thrive for generations to come. O God, in your mercy,

All: grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Presider: O God, in your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your love and compassion; we hear Jesus' call to love and to be of service to your world. These prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrating Communion

Presider: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: We do praise you, holy God, for you are the Ground of Our Being. Water and basin, the grains of the earth and the fruit of the vine, the stones all around us come from your gracious creativity. The life of the world and all its creatures, nature and human skill celebrate you as Creator and Author of life. In this moment of history, we join with the earth, the sea and the sky to sing your praises and celebrate your gift of hope and human care and we say:

All: Thank you.

Presider: Here and now, around this and all tables, we gather because Jesus calls us to gather and meets us at table, wherever we might be and in whatever we are facing in our lives. This sacrament began on the night of Jesus' arrest, when he was gathered around a table in an upper room. Jesus washed his friends' feet. During the meal, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it and broke it, he said, "This is my body for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Later, he took a cup of wine, which he blessed and passed to those with him; he said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and fruit of the vine. Let them become for us the seal and sign of your love... healing, redeeming, and making us whole. And through these gifts of the earth, let us together become, for you, Christ's body loving the world as you love, serving as you call us to serve, and always being transformed by grace until we and all creation are one.

And so, as the Body of Christ, we are bold to say together...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing Communion

We share in this simple meal.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Presider: May this meal nourish us and refresh us, may it strengthen us and renew us, may it unite us and keep us in God's gracious love, now and forever. Let us pray.

All: God of love, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal and time of inspiration and hope. We have remembered Jesus' commandment to love, participated in an act of love and now continue to live our lives revealing your love in the world. Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the empathy, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you this and every day. In Jesus' name. Amen

Blessing

Presider: Our worship is ended, may our service in love begin anew. May God bless you and keep you; may God's face be lifted upon you; and may God give you peace.

All: Amen.

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