

Maundy Thursday

A Service of Evening Meditation

Thursday, April 9th

The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures forever.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turns to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of love which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant and People together

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everlasting Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
thou art worthy to be glorified through all the worlds. *Amen. Amen.*

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Daniel J. Lemley

Ceremony of the Washing of Feet

Officiant The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Officiant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Officiant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Reflect during the video. If you have more than one person in the household, you are invited (if able) to pause the video and engage in the Ceremony of the Washing of Feet in your own home. All you need is a chair, a small tub or basin (that can receive both feet), a pitcher or large glass of warm water, and a towel. Take turns having one individual sit in the chair and put their feet in the basin. The other person pours water over the feet and then dries them with the towel. Repeat until all have had the chance to wash someone's feet AND have their own feet washed.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned
before the great judgment seat of Christ,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of
all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
People We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collects

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

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 Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant then says

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

The Stripping of the Altar

Silent Reflection