



**Silverdale Lutheran Church  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
April 9, 2020**

*Our Lenten observance comes to an end, as we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate in the powerful event of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of this night is Jesus' command to love one another—"Maundy" in Latin means "Command." Just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, we are called to humbly serve one another.*

*As we gather, consider including a towel and bowl of water on your home altar - big enough to wash your hands, and the hands of others who may be worshipping with you.*

#### GATHERING

Intern Marietta: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Intern Marietta: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard the questions of Jesus. We have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. We were called at baptism into this struggle. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of

reconciliation. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination*

Intern Marietta: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Intern Marietta: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. You are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### GREETING AND PRAYER

Intern Marietta: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Intern Marietta: Let us pray, Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN: Lord Whose Love in Humble Service* (Led by Music Minister Justin Cormier. Words available on the screen.)

WORD (Readers: Anya Albrecht and Mae Ceraldi)

Intern Marietta: The holy gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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>31b</sup>“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.”

Intern Marietta: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Intern Marietta

HYMN: *Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love* (Led by Music Minister Justin Cormier. Words available on the screen.)

WASHING

Pastor Paula: Brothers and sisters in Christ, at the heart of Maundy Thursday is Jesus' command to love one another. Just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, we are called to humbly serve one another. As a way to remember this act and to

remind us to treat ourselves and each other with gentleness, you are invited now to wash hands – you may wash your own hands, or if you are worshipping with someone, you may wash each other’s hands. As you do, you may repeat the words of Jesus: As I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Time for individual handwashing

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor Paula: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Let us love as you have loved us. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for those responding across our world to the corona virus. Keep in health and safety. Walk with them and bring comfort and stamina, Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer**

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those

who rely on the generosity of others, especially in this uncertain time of economic instability. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer**

God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**C: 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.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor Paula: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Ubi Caritas*

Justin Cormier

**Offering Prayer**

Intern Marietta: Let us pray,

**C: Compassionate God, we offer these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (Led by Music Minister Justin Cormier. Words available on the screen.)

**Stripping of the Altar:** John 18:1-12 (Reader: Jane Rasely)

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