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April 9, 2020
7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, even in these times when we are apart.

PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen Opus 122, No. 9 + 10
(My Heart is Filled with Longing)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Ringling of the Bells

At home: Set out a bowl of water and a clean towel.

Remembering God's Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.
Almighty God strengthen us with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

Let us pray,

Holy God, source of all love, on the night on his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

Read responsively

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

**¹³I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me from my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

**¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

²³For 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,
²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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."

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

The holy gospel according to Saint John the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.'
³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

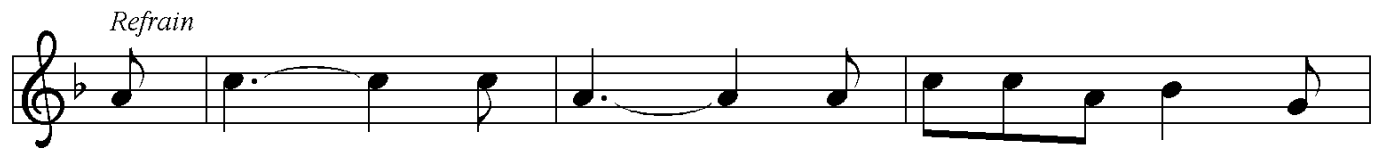
THE SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

SERMON HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love “Chereponi”

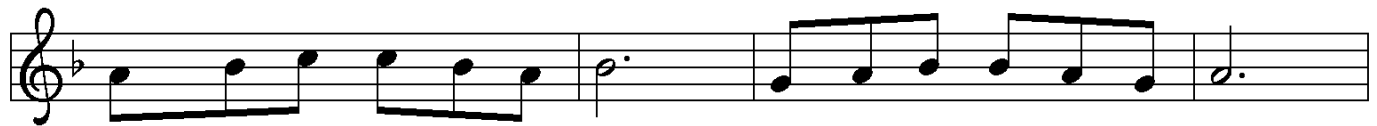
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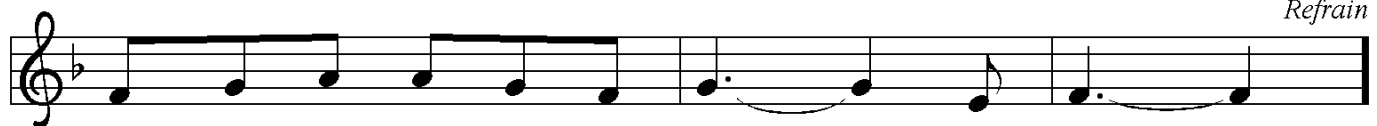
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



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



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| 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: |



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.

Refrain

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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THE INVITATION FOR HAND WASHING

Here you may wash your own feet or hands, using the water in the bowl, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Or, if there are several of you worshipping together, you may wash each other's hands or feet, thinking of the love of Jesus poured out on each of us in this difficult time. We'll invite you to do this at home, while we wash our hands here.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In these days and times when our hearts are hurting and our very selves feel empty, this is when we feel the Creator close to us, within our souls, cradling our spirits and giving us the power of encouragement so that we lift our voices where we are, those prayers that need to be breathed into life. We conclude each petition saying together, “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

Creator of unconditional love, it is because of that love, that we as your children should unite in our call, however we are called to be committed to service, even as we continue to care for our neighbor with physical distancing. Continue to envelop us in a Spirit of faithfulness and encouragement so that we can speak those words of healing. Let us love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Powerful Creator, send a Spirit of wisdom and knowledge so that we in turn tend to what is vulnerable in these days: flocks, fields, farms, gardens and vineyards. You're your Spirit of calm, as weather blooms and is inviting, we need to be mindful about caring for our neighbors. Empower those who are still driven to care for all of us through the opening of food pantries and community gardens so that people who have nothing, can have access to everything. Even with this pandemic, let this be a time for the Earth, to heal.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator, Our Parent, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another and to be in relationship with one another through advocacy and through action. We are thankful for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need especially those fighting in this time of a global pandemic. We are also thankful for those first responders, whether they are medical teams or police/fire fighters/EMTs or whether they are all the essential workers who are putting their lives on the line so that daily life, even if appears to be just a skeleton, continues to live and breathe and function.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Beloved Healer of our very ill, hear our weeping, our cries, our laments and our pleading especially those who are suffering from this pandemic or for that matter, any other chronic illness, pain and suffering. Send your Spirit of abundance so that in turn, as we care for our neighbors, we have the ability to 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.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O Great and Wonderful God of compassion and mercy, you invite us to this table of mercy that have evolved in many different ways; that we know that you are at our tables in our homes and places of personal sacredness. Let this be a time of healing and hope; that we dig deeper and connect through a spiritual sense to those who we are in community with virtually, digitally and throughout the many avenues of social media. Through our voices, singing, poetry, writing, contemplating, painting and creating, we are the extending of the hospitality of your table beyond these walls that we have set up because of our limited human understanding. At the end of the day, God we want to extend that love and welcome that it be made known to all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Beloved Comforter, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and many other civil rights leaders and organizers. Remind us of our Ancestors, whose shoulders we now stand, especially those whose lives transformed from death to life in the midst of this virus that have taken them way too soon. Send your spirit of comfort because we know, in those last moments, that they were not alone and did not walk on, alone. That there will be the day, when we will join them in celebration and singing eternal, beyond the veil.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF GIFTS

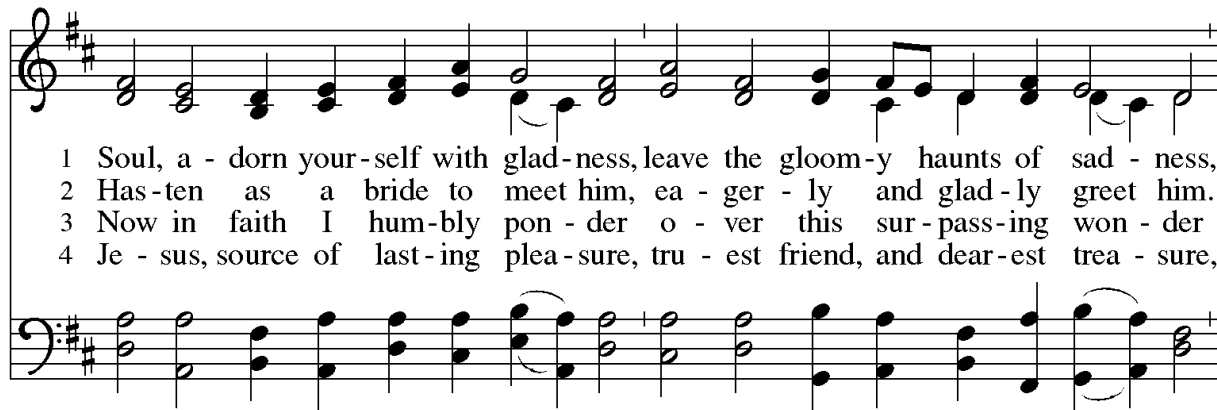
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HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness “Schmücke Dich”

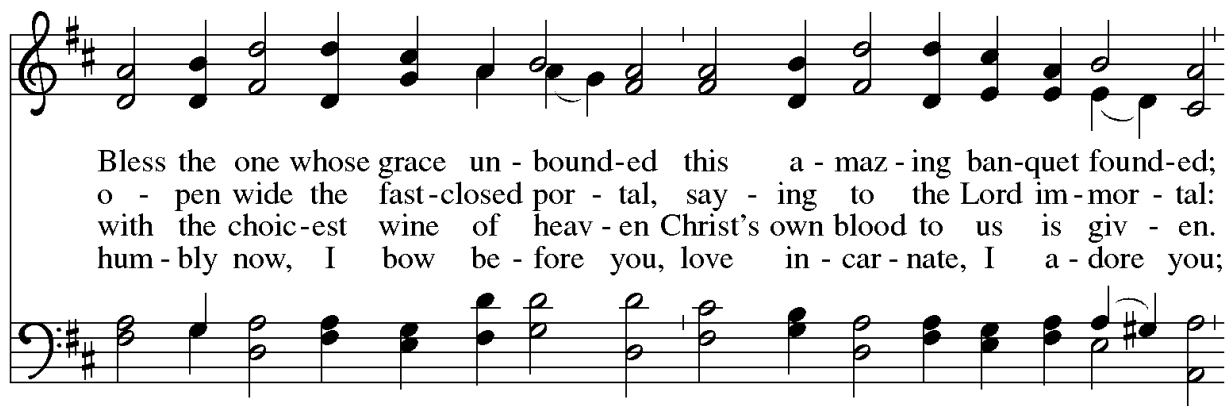
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1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
 o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 “Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er.”
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Remembering Jesus going to his arrest and his death, the events from which all the mercy that fills this night flows, we pray this Psalm while the ministers strip the altar of its adornments.

Psalm 88

¹O Lord, my | God, my Savior,
by day and night I | cry to you.

²Let my prayer enter in- | to your presence;
incline your ear to my | lamentation.

³For I am | full of trouble;
my life is at the brink | of the grave.

⁴I am counted among those who go down | to the pit;
I have become like one who | has no strength;

⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie | in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off | from your hand.

⁶You have laid me in the depths | of the pit,
in dark places, and in | the abyss.

⁷Your anger weighs up- | on me heavily,
and all your great waves | overwhelm me.

⁸You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be ab- |
horred by them;

I am in prison and can- | not get free.

⁹My sight has failed me be- | cause of trouble;

Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my | hands to
you.

¹⁰Do you work wonders | for the dead?

Will those who have died stand up and | give you thanks?

¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared | in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land | of destruction?

¹²Will your wonders be known | in the shadows
or your righteousness in the country where all | is forgotten?

¹³But as for me, O Lord, I cry to | you for help;
in the morning my prayer | comes before you.

¹⁴ Lord, why have you re- | jected me?

Why have you hidden your | face from me?

¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the | point of
death;

I have borne your terrors | and am helpless.

¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept | over me;

your terrors | have destroyed me;

¹⁷they surround me all day long | like a flood;

they encompass me on | every side.

¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put a- | way from me,
and the shadows, my on- | ly companion.

The Three Days continue tomorrow with the service for Good Friday.

POSTLUDE

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Opus 122, No. 3 + 11
(O World, I Now Must Leave Thee)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)



The reader is Justin Pomietlarz
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GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SCHEDULE

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Family Service via Zoom and Facebook

7:00 p.m. Via Livestream and Facebook with special music

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Zoom Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Preservice Music Video via Facebook

10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service with special music via
Livestream and Facebook

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