

MAUNDY THURSDAY



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This evening 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. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

GATHERING

HOMILY

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the homily.

INVOCATION

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assistant minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of 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 the 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.

WORD

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

The gospel is announced and the assembly replies.

The holy gospel according to St. John the thirteenth 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."

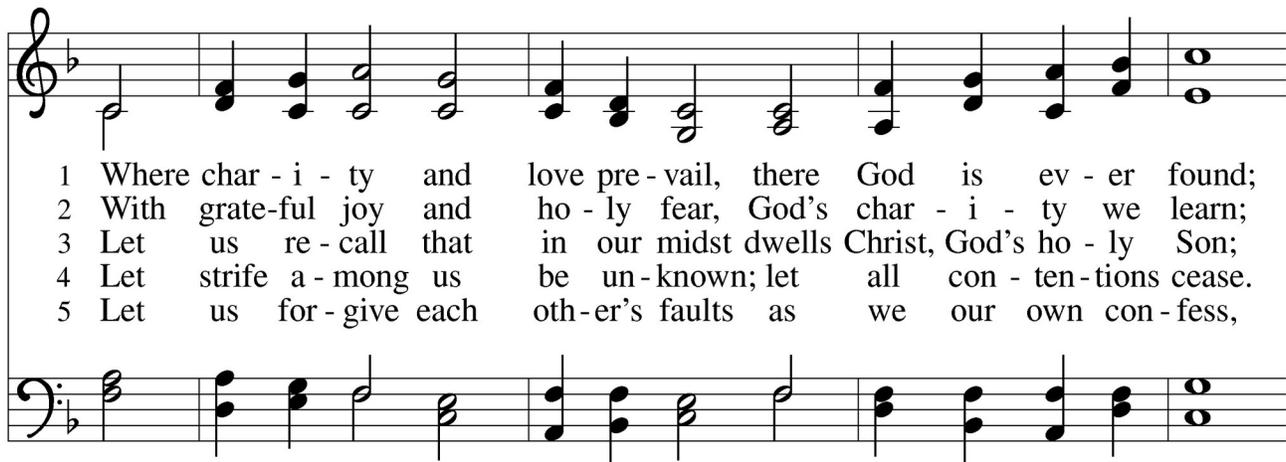
¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one 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.

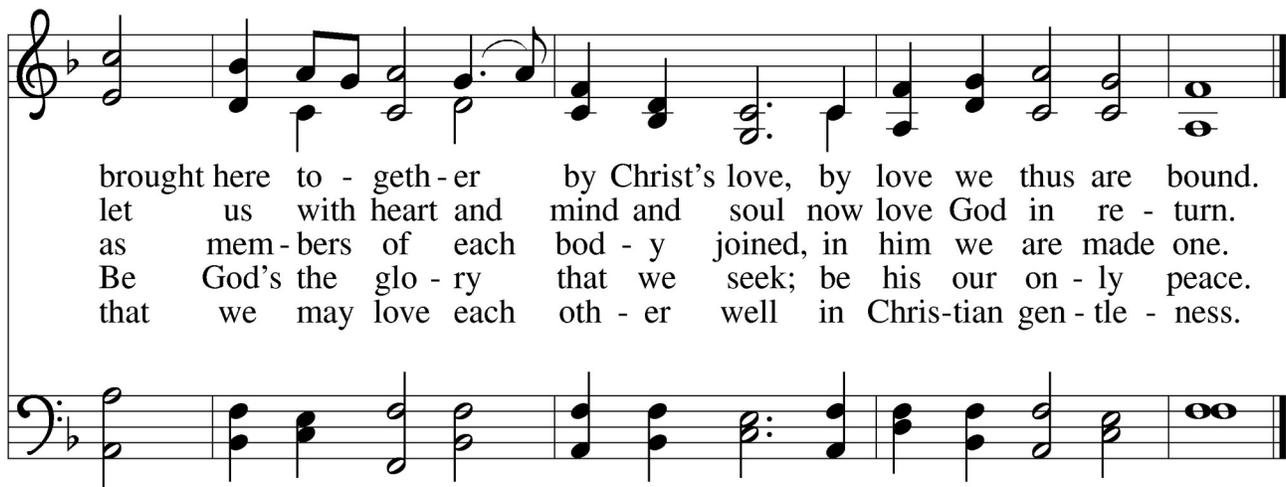
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW 359)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially*).

Be especially with all those we name now: Simion (3/24/24), Adelina (3/24/24), Tom (3/24/24), Jerry M. (2/25/24), Jacque (1/28/24), Ann P. (1/21/24), Rich G. (1/7/24), Jack (12/10/23), Karl B (7/30/23), Kate S. (7/30/23), Pamela (5/28/23), Cindy (5/28/23), Jay (5/28/23), Lauren (5/28/23), Frieda L. (5/17/23), Paul S. (4/16/23), Gary M. (11/14/21), Tim R. (12/18/18), and all our family members and friends; Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Be their help and their shield. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts of time, talents, and finances, which we receive from your bounty that we might, as good stewards, share them for the feeding, nurture, and healing of the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died (*especially*). With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn



SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy is sung.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, — ho - ly! —



Lord God — al - might - y! —



Heav-en and earth are — full — of your glo - ry —



Ho - san - na - in — the — high - est. —



Bless-ed is he — who comes — in the name of the Lord.



— Ho - san - na in — the — high - est. —

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time, the assembly may commune receiving the bread.

TABLE BLESSING

The assembly stands as they are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: 348

Hymn 348 is repeated five times as the altar is stripped.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a minor key. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "watch and pray". The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PSALM 22

The psalm is read by the presiding minister.

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- ⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no ¹ one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

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²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

All depart in silence.

MISSION NOTES

We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and the world around us - to which God calls us in loving service!

Special Fund Raiser For New Paltz Student Christian Center

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who donated to the SCC Fundraiser. We raised \$270 in gift cards. Such a blessing to see our Community at Redeemer step up and support the SCC!

Many of us may not realize that there are SUNY students choosing between rent and food. Additionally, our SCC and Episcopal Campus Ministry Food Pantry regularly hears of the need for personal care items. Your generous support will help address this need.

Game Circle

Join us for a fun opportunity to pull generations together during Hospitality Time on the first and third Sundays of the month at Redeemer, New Paltz. Teenage hosts will help gather and lead favorite games such as “Uno,” “Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza.” Don’t know what one of these games is? Come join the excitement to find out!

Launch date/time: April 7th after worship

Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities: Come and Be Fed by the Mystery of Grace

Palm Sunday marks the end of our Lenten journey and the beginning of Holy Week when we embark on a sacred journey as we prepare our hearts and minds to reflect on the profound events of Jesus' final days. Join us this week to contemplate themes of *love, sacrifice, and hope*.

- **Good Friday: March 29th, 7 p.m.** - Our journey with Jesus continues with the Passion Reading, interspersed with beautiful music from Kairos: A Consort of Singers.
- **Good Friday Vigil: March 29th, 8-10 p.m. (new this year)** - Remembering Jesus’ invitation to the disciples to stay awake and wait with him, and how at the end all deserted him, we hold a silent vigil in the sanctuary with the cross. People may stay for however long they wish, and there will be hosts to help guide and support this time.
- **Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th, 7 p.m.** - In the darkness we gather and light the paschal candle, then hear the stories of God’s faithfulness throughout time. We process outside singing “Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,” and return to a sanctuary transformed into Easter joy, singing the first “Hallelujahs!”
- **Easter Morning: Sunday, March 31st, 9:30 a.m.** - Our celebration of Easter joy continues on Sunday morning, when special guest trumpet player and a choir anthem, with worship followed by Hospitality time and special no plastic Easter treats waiting for kids, grandkids, and grand nieces and nephews!

For more information about our Holy Week hybrid worship events, please visit:

<https://redeemernewpaltz.org/holy-week>

Mental Health First Aid Training – Saturday, April 13th, 10 am – 4 pm

Did you know that, on average, 130 people die by suicide every day? That nearly 1 in 5 people in the U.S. lives with mental illness, or that between 1999 and 2019 over 814,000 people died from drug overdoses?

That’s why Redeemer is immensely proud to be able to support our community partner, New Paltz Community Wellness, in hosting this important training that helps you to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

Who is this training for? Employers, police officers, hospital staff, first responders, caring individuals.

Registration is required by April 4th to ensure completion of a self-paced online course prior to the in-person class. To register, please contact Phoenix Kawamoto at pkawamoto@townofnewpaltz.org.

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