

## 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.*

## HOMILY

### INVOCATION

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.**

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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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The assembly is invited to share the peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## 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 presiding 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.**

## THE 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.**

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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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression (*especially*). Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying.

Be especially with all those we name now: Carol J. (3/14/21), Martha (1/24/21), Jerry (1/10/21), Debbie (12/24/20), Scott (12/24/20), Donna (12/20/20), Tom (11/29/20), Jimmy (11/22/20), James (11/8/20), Claire (9/20/20), Rachel (7/26/20), Marge (8/18/19), Jean (12/18/18), Tim (12/18/18), and all our family members and friends; Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Be their help and their shield. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service (*especially*), that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who teaches us together to pray:

## **THE 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.**

## THE MEAL

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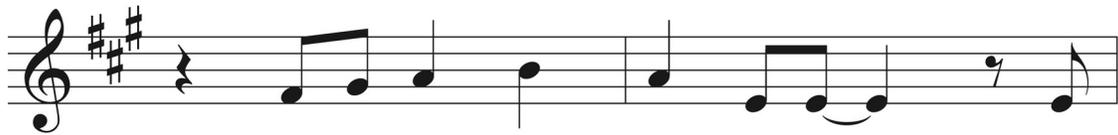
*“Lamb of God” is sung, acknowledging the longing in many of our hearts to be able to gather again and receive Holy Communion.*



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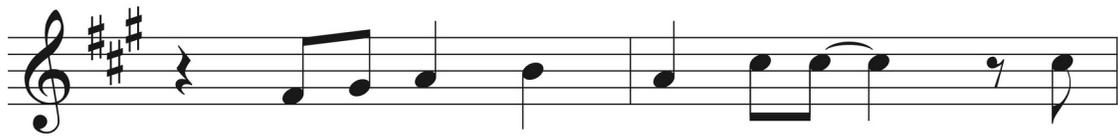
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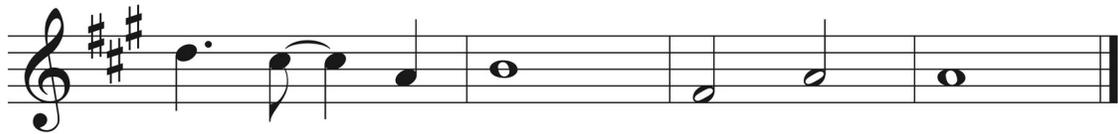
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sin of \_\_\_ the world. Grant us peace.

## THE SENDING

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

#### CONGREGATIONAL SONG: 348

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

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

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.*

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they shake their heads.  
<sup>8</sup>"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no <sup>1</sup> one to help.  
<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.  
<sup>15</sup>My 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.  
<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.  
<sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.  
<sup>23</sup>You 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.  
<sup>24</sup>For 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.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.  
<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.

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- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, 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.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*All depart in silence.*

## **WAYS TO FURTHER CONNECT**

*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!*

### **Worship, Holy Week and Easter: Come and Be Fed by the Mystery of Grace**

Come and be fed by the Ancient and most central stories of God's acting through Christ for the saving of us and the world during HOLY WEEK. All services will be held online (<https://redeemernewpaltz.org/join-worship>).

- **Triduum 2 - Good Friday, April 2nd, 7pm:** We gather as a community to witness the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, hearing again of our Savior's willing and loving sacrifice for us all.
- **Triduum 3 - Easter Vigil, April 3rd, 7pm:** On the last day of the Triduum, or "Three Days" we gather to hear again the amazing stories from scripture of God's grace and love chasing us throughout history. We start in the darkness and then, behold! In the second portion of this gathering we re-enter the sanctuary and find the lights on, the flowers gathered, the hymn of praise and glory being sung for Christ is Risen, triumphant over sin and the grave.
- **Easter Sunday, April 4th, 9am:** Let our voices be raised in praise with that "H" word that we avoided for all of Lent (Please especially join us if you're not sure what that "H" word is!), singing praise and glory for our risen and glorious Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Easter Flower Pick-up**

Thank you to all who helped to beautify our Sanctuary for the Great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you ordered flowers, you may pick them up on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15am – 12:30pm, or on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm.

### **Easter Baskets: Pick up on Easter Sunday starting at 10:30am!**

Families with kids and grandkids: please take a drive over to Redeemer, New Paltz on Easter Sunday and pick up a little Easter basket of goodies for your kids and teens. And...there may be another surprise waiting on the table for each household to enjoy as well - come and see!

## **Justice/Equality: Launching our Local Racism Anonymous Group**

As part of our mission of "Sharing Christ's Welcome," and in support of our mission focus area of Equality/Justice, the Redeemer Anti-Racism Taskforce is piloting a 6-week launch of a local chapter of Racists Anonymous, a 12-step program designed to end racism in ourselves and our communities.

Adapting the traditional 12-step model, meetings will feature speakers, anti-racism texts, and the 12 steps of Racists Anonymous. It is designed to help us acknowledge that we have a problem, accept that the problem is beyond our ability to manage, and turn this problem over to our Higher Power. Engaging in this internal work helps us recover from racism and reduce its impact on future generations.

Our confidential and anonymous meetings began on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and will occur every Thursday evening, 7-8pm, via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/3393810725>) through April 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or need some additional information please reach out to Jessica Margaret Moore at [jmoore9683@gmail.com](mailto:jmoore9683@gmail.com) or Rebecca Maher at [rebeccarogersmaher@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccarogersmaher@gmail.com).

## **New: Christ In Our Home Devotionals**

The new edition of the much beloved devotional, *Christ in Our Home*, is available for pickup. Copies can be obtained at the church and are located on the outside of the front doors.

## **Supporting Christ's Mission**

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today! Please consider making a one time or recurring donation in support of our mission to "Share Christ's Welcome" with the world by following this link (<https://redeemernewpaltz.org/donate-now>). It's secure, fast, and your donation will help reach others body, heart, mind, and soul. Thank you!

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