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Maundy Thursday & First Communion, Year B
6:30 p.m.

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † One God, who humbly pours out love for you, through Christ Jesus.
Amen.

OPENING DIALOGUE

From the night of the last super, to every night, and for all eternity,

There is a place for us, united in Christ.

In the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup,

We shall be made whole, filled with God's love, forgiveness, and grace.

In the mystery of the cross, and in death that leads to life,

We know God is with us despite our brokenness and tears.

For Christ comes to us, pouring out water, and with towel in hand.

To show us what it looks like to humbly serve one another in love.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

On this night let us confess our sin and enter the celebration of the Holy Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. Loving God,

We have denied you and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve faithfully, by the example you have set for us, in your son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

God comes to you, humbly and lovingly. In the name of Jesus Christ † all your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Savior,

On this night you poured out water to wash your disciples' feet. You poured out wine, and you broke bread. You poured out your very being through your love, so all may find life in you. Open our hearts to hear this good news. Teach us to serve as Christ served. Teach us to love as Christ loved. In Christ we pray.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: 30 PIECES OF SILVER

1. There's no sat - is - fac - tion in rich - es or In fame, If our
 2. From His iv - 'ry pal - ace He came to such as I, But I

Sav - ior is de - nied; — — Ev - 'ry cas - tle tum - bles and
 scorned His love for me, — — Sold Him for the sil - ver of

life's a bro - ken dream, With - out Je - sus by our side. — —
 things that I re - gret — — Sor - row, pain and ag - o - ny! — —

Thir - ty piec - es of sil - ver — — was the price they gave, — —

Thir - ty piec - es of sil - ver — — just the price of a slave; — —

And my heart I have giv - en — — to this Christ be - trayed, — —

And I know just how much He loved me by the price He paid. — —

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

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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.

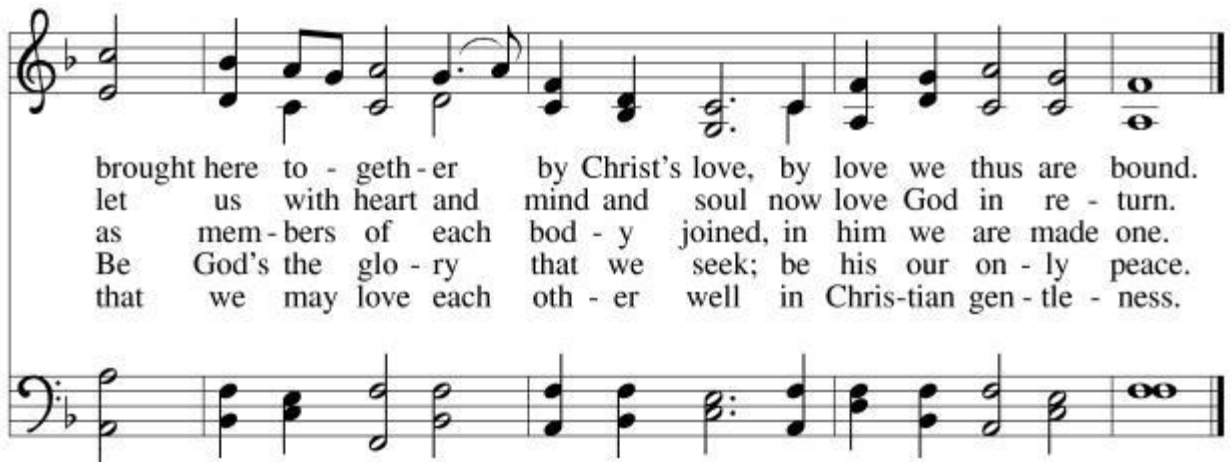
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Where Charity and Love Prevail



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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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Christ humbly gave of himself, let us humbly give of ourselves.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

God of all good gifts,
Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your Son. Give us grateful hearts, in the name of the one who poured himself out for
all creation, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to Christ's table; here you will find bread for the journey. Come to the banquet, here you will find a feast for hungry hearts. Come to our Lord; who forgives, sustains, and restores. Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a final whole note C4. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a final whole note C3. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a final whole note C4. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a final whole note C3.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,



2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,



3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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FIRST COMMUNION PARTICIPANTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,

We give thanks for your never-ending table. We give thanks that there is a place for us and for all people. May we be nourished by the goodness you have poured out for us. May we be empowered to care for others, guided by your love filling our hearts. In Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God wrap you in love each night, providing you peace and rest,
And while you sleep may God weave strength & courage into every breath.
May you meet the morning with resilient vigor, ready for come what may,
And may the light of Christ fill your heart with joy every single day.
May the Spirit shine on you with favor, love, and never-ending grace
And may the Three In + One, bless you throughout this Holy Week,
And in every single place. **Amen.**

ALTAR IS STRIPPED



Depart in silence

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Welcome to all! Welcome. Today is Maundy Thursday: Maundy from the Latin for “command.” As you hear Jesus’ “new commandment” (John 13:34), ponder what it means in a concrete way for your life.

As you feed us, Lord, with your own body and blood, move us to feed the world — with food, with peace, with love.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John (715) 675-6950

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ’s Table.

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart* next to the main entrance. **Reminder, food pantries cannot accept expired donations.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign-up sheet for Easter Breakfast is in the Narthex. We are in need of volunteers to bring fruit, desserts, and to help clean and set up. Your time, talent, and dedication are appreciated to make Easter Breakfast a success!

Synod Assembly registration is now open. See Pastor Maggie to for details.

Maine Elementary is in need of black and grey sweatpants and leggings. Size 5-6, 6x, and 7-8. They are also in need of boys' and girls' undies in those sizes.

St. John Quilting Wishlist. Left over fabric or never used fabric, light weight denim, cotton or flannel sheets, pillow cases, cotton curtains (unlined), cotton shower curtains. If you are interested, come join us! You can also sew a quilt top from home. Size needed is 60 x 80. They do not need to be fancy. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast. Pastor Will from Trinity in Stettin and St. Peter's in Marathon has invited all men from St. John to meet the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. At LC Restaurant, in Marathon (Formerly the Village Inn).

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss, *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese.

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Holy Week @ St. John March 28 – March 31

March 28

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

March 29

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

March 31

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

