

**A Celebration of
The Lord's Supper at 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.**

PREPARATION

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*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

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.

GOD SHARES THE WORD THROUGH WORDS

First Lesson - Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19 (*read together by all in unison*)

I 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.

Second Lesson - I Corinthians 11: 23-26

*Gospel Acclamation (7:00 p.m. only) Page 260

*The Holy Gospel - John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Meditation "Seeing to the Bottom of Your Feet" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 359** (7:00 p.m. only) "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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GOD SHARES THE WORD THROUGH THE MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving (*spoken at 12:15; sung a cappella at 7:00 p.m.*) Page 161

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*The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, who art in heaven" Page 163

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*The Communion

Music during Communion (7:00 p.m. only)

"Ubi Caritas" Text: See ELW Hymn 359

Maurice Duruflé

*Prayer Page 164

*Stripping of the Altar (7:00 p.m. only)

Psalm 88 – Choir (7:00 p.m. only)

(Please place your offering in the plates as you leave)

*Please stand for this part of liturgy

or please feel free to remain seated as you need.

ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY. On this night in that first Holy Week, our Lord Jesus Christ, with death less than 24 hours away, provided his followers with a means for him to renew them in life: The Bread and The Wine, his full and whole presence. While this is the Last Supper of the Old Aeon, it is more significantly The Lord's Supper, a "First Supper" on the brink of the New Aeon. Christ's self-giving and serving love is key to this new kingdom. He, in turn, gives a new commandment that those who receive should likewise "love one another." The word Maundy is derived from the Latin "mandatum," mandate or command. Through The Meal, he gives them - and us! - encouragement for such loving service, and he also commands: "This do in remembrance of me." This is "the night on which he was betrayed." With grateful hearts we come to receive the Savior who gives himself so fully to his people in this sacrament. There is no blessing or dismissal at the end of this service because the early church saw worship from Maundy Thursday through Easter as one service. The ancient practice of "stripping the altar" moves us into Good Friday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY IN CHURCH HISTORY. On this day our Lord instituted the Communion meal and commanded his disciples to love and to do this in remembrance of him. Many of the names this day carries are derived from this event. It has been known as the Day of the Lord's Supper since the time of Augustine. It is also called the Birthday of the Eucharist, the Birthday of the Chalice; The Day of the Bread, and The Day of The Sacred Mysteries. This day was known as Green Thursday in many places: in Germany "Gründonnerstag"; in Slavic nations "Zeleny Ctvrtek"; in Hungary, "Zöld Csütörtök." Scholars explain the origin of these names as coming from the German word "grunen" or "greinen" (to mourn), which was later corrupted to grün (green).

IN SOME COUNTRIES this day is called "Pure" or "Clean Thursday." The cleansing of spiritual lives was matched by a great day of cleansing the body. Could this have derived from John's account of the Upper Room which involved footwashing? St. Augustine (430 A.D.) mentions this custom. The Old English name was "Shere Thursday" (sheer, clean) and the Scandinavian name "Skaer Torsdag." Because of all the exertion required to prepare for bathing in a time when bathing was not an easy, everyday opportunity, the faithful were exempt from fasting on Maundy Thursday.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR. In many Christian communities through the centuries at the conclusion of worship on Maundy Thursday, the altar is "stripped" of its adornments (linen, candles, paraments, altar book and flowers) and then it is washed. This is to prepare for the stark and awesome day which follows. At the conclusion of this meal our Lord went out to pray in the Garden where he was arrested and prepared for trial.

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