

THE LAST SUPPER

Welcome to our home! We would love for you to join our family!

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The worship leader enters in silence. Please stand as you are able.

## **Opening Acclamation**

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

## **Collect for Purity**

Officiant: Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you

no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through

Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Kyrie**

Officiant: Lord have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Officiant: Lord have mercy.

## **Collect of the Day**

Officiant: Let us pray. Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered,

instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

This 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Officiant: I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

Officiant: How shall I repay the LORD \*

People: for all the good things he has done for me?

Officiant: I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

People: and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Officiant: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*
People: in the presence of all his people.

Officiant: Precious in the sight of the LORD \*
is the death of his servants.

Officiant: O LORD, I am your servant; \*

People: I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my

bonds.

Officiant: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving\* and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Officiant: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*
People: in the presence of all his people,
Officiant: In the courts of the LORD's house, \*

People: in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Reader:* A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Please stand and sing. (v. 1-2 before, 3-4 after Gospel)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Reader: 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him,

"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Homily: Tim Holder

## Foot Washing—All may; some should; none must.

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Officiant:

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

All are encouraged to be washed, though none is required to do so. If you wish not to participate, please sing or meditate silently on the word "humility". During the washing, a music voluntary will be played.

Please sit, stand, or kneel.

Officiant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said

to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given

you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which

the world cannot give, I give to you.

Officiant: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which

the world cannot give, I give to you.

Officiant: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one

another.

# Prayers for the Whole State of Christ's Church (BCP p. 329-330) Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader:

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.** 

#### Invitation to Confession

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Officiant:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence is kept.

### Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is observed.

Officiant & People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

# **Offertory Sentence**

Officiant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are

pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:14, 15

Offertory Anthem: I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked Lora Sellers, soloist

arr. Ashley Ivers, accompaniment John Hutchinson

## Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Officiant & People: 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### **General Thanksgiving**

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Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant & People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

# **Holy Week Blessing**

Officiant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord

Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to

suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #498 Beneath the Cross of Jesus Please stand and sing.

### **Dismissal**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

When the lights are dimmed, the altar is stripped bare and the reserve Sacraments are removed from the chancel. People may leave in silence at any time.





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