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**Maundy Thursday**

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00 PM

**PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION**

*With nightfall 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. This ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings us with him to resurrection life. The Three Days are considered one liturgy which extends from Maundy Thursday sundown through Easter sundown.*

*At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.**

\* **GATHERING HYMN** #358  
*GREAT GOD YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US*

\* **THE 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**  
Let us pray:  
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

### FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning

you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?  
<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>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.”<sup>25</sup>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.”<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**\*P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>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.”

**\*P:** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Love Consecrates The Humblest Act*

#360

#### **\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

#### **\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

### **THE OFFERING**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **THE MEAL**

#### **\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* THE 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.**

**\* THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**\* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament  
you strengthen us with the saving power  
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.  
May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*In preparation for Jesus' death, we strip the Altar and Chancel of its appointments. This symbolic action reminds us of His death and rest in the tomb. During the Stripping of the Altar, a lector reads Psalm 22. You are invited to kneel or sit during the reading of the psalm.*

**PSALM 22:** A Psalm of the Cross

**There is no benediction. All leave in silence.**

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

**April 18:** Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:00 PM

**April 20 :** The Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship at 10:00 AM

**SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH** continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings go to help those in need in our community.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in session every Sunday at 9:00 AM. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

**MORE INFORMATION** on these and other upcoming events can be found on the church Facebook page and on the church website! F: HolyTrinityBT Web: [www.holytrinityelc.org](http://www.holytrinityelc.org)



**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Holy Trinity is so blessed to be able to offer Scholarships to our youth and adults continuing their education at colleges and trade schools. If you are interested in applying please go to our website to find out more information. The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 18, 2025.

