SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





DIALOG

A Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways,

and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one, Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and
was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken by the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life ± of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

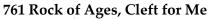
Exodus 24:3-11

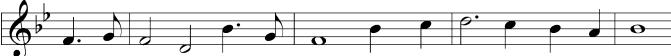
³Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered

burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.





- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from guilt and pow'r. of its sin All sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone. the foun-tain fly; Wash Sav - ior, die. Ι to me, Ι or Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Epistle 1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 13:1–15

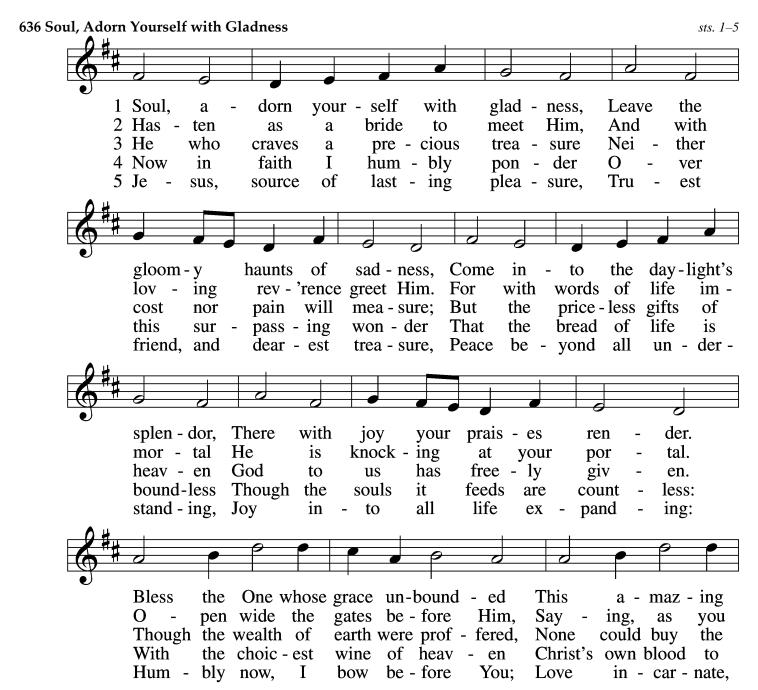
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

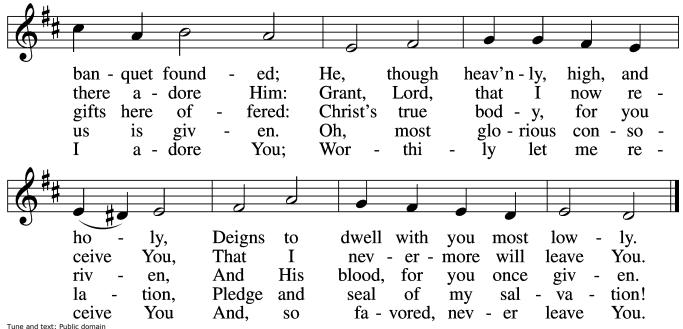
¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁶Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁰Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹0Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one

of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





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Sermon

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word, and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us,

and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail.

We commend to your care all our schools,

that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished

and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with our offering of praise.

Special supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

 \mathbf{C} Amen

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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

Reading Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?* Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,* and by night, but I | find no rest. ³Yet you are ∣ holy,* enthroned on the praises of | Israel. ⁴In you our fathers | trusted;* they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

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<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;*
  in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,*
  scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;*
  they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
8"He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
  let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*
  you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.
¹¹On you was I cast ∣ from my birth,*
  and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,
  for trouble | is near,*
  and there is | none to help.
<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en-  | compass me;*
  strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
<sup>13</sup>they open wide their ∣ mouths at me,*
  like a ravening and roaring | lion.
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,
  and all my bones are | out of joint;*
my heart is like wax;
  it is melted with- in my breast;
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
  and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*
  you lay me in the | dust of death.
<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- ∣ compass me;*
  a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my | hands and feet—
<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—*
they stare and gloat | over me;
<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,*
  and for my clothing they | cast lots.
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be ∣ far off!*
  O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,*
  my precious life from the power | of the dog!
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<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
  in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!
  and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred
  the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his | face from him,*
  but has heard, when he | cried to him.
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;*
  my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
  those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!*
  May your hearts live for- | ever!
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember
  and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations
  shall worship be- | fore you.
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
  and he rules over the | nations.
<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
  before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
  even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall ∣ serve him;*
  it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
31they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
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that he has | done it.

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