

Maundy Thursday 2020



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Thursday of the Mandatum

The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. It was an object lesson which He used to teach the disciples, and the church, of His humble service for us. The fruit of His service is the forgiveness of sins.

Tonight's service will include two parts:

Vespers

The Stripping of the Altar

In the stripping of the altar we travel with the Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us at the hands of His enemies. The stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday is a stunning visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22.

Because of the unifying services from Maundy Thursday to Easter, called the Triduum, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the service. The benediction spoken on Easter Sunday concludes all the services of the Triduum.

Maundy Thursday Vespers and Stripping of the Altar April 9, 2020

1. Hymn: #305, "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

2. Confession of Sin, p. 120

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. The Versicles, p. 120

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪Make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: ♪Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forever more. Amen.

4. The Psalmody:

L: God be merciful to `us and bless us,/ And cause His face to `shine upon us.

C: That Your way may `be known on earth,/ Your salvation a`mong all nations.

L: Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.

C: Oh, let the `nations be glad/ and `sing for joy!

L: For You shall judge the peo`ple righteously,/ And govern the `nations on earth.

C: Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.

L: Then the earth shall `yield her increase;/ God, our own `God, shall bless us.

C: God `shall bless us,/ And all the ends of the `earth shall fear Him.

All: Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.

5. The Lessons:

*Exodus 12:1*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2“*This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3*Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. 4*And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6*and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill*

their lambs at twilight. [1] 7“Then 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. 8They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

Hymn Response: #310:1, “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

I Corinthians 11: 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 [5] you. Do this in remembrance of me.” [6] 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 concerning 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. [7] 31But if we judged [8] ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined [9] so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Hymn Response, #310:2 “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

John 13: 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.” 8Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not 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, “The one who has bathed does not need to

wash, except for his feet, [1] but is completely clean. And you [2] 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.

6. *The Chief Hymn: #281, “O Love, How Deep”*

7. *The Sermon/Theme: John 13:1-15 / Jesus Serves to Wash Us Clean*

10. *The Versicle, p. 122*

P: Let my prayers be set before You as incense:

C: ♪**And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice**

11. *The Canticle: The Magnificat, p. 123*

All: ♪My soul / magnifies the Lord... And my spirit rejoices in / God my Savior.

For He / has regarded... The low estate of / His handmaiden;

For be-/-hold, from henceforth... all generations shall / call me blessed.

For He that is mighty has / done to me great things... And ho-/-ly is His name.

And His mercy is on / those that fear Him...From generation to / generation.

He has shown / strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagi-/-nation of their hearts.

He has put down the / mighty from *their* thrones...And exalted *those* / of low degree.

He has filled *the* / hungry with good things...And *the* rich He has sent / empty away.

He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance / of *His* mercy...As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his / seed forever.

Glory be to the Father / and to the Son... and to / the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be... forev-/-er more. Amen.

12. *The Prayers, beginning with The Kyrie, p. 124*

All: ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

13. *The Lord's Prayer, p. 125*

All: ♪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 temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

Lesson: Matthew 26:30-32, 36

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.”

Hymn #295:1-3 (communion vessels)

Psalm 22: 1-5

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?
O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.
But You are holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.
They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

Hymn 295: 4,5 (pulpit antependium, pastor's stoles)

Psalm 22:6-10

But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the people.
All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
“He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”
But You are He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.
I was cast upon You from birth.

From My mother's womb
You have been My God.

Hymn 295: 6-7 (candles and missal stand)

Psalm 22: 11-15

Be not far from Me,
For trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
They gape at Me with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It has melted within Me.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.

Hymn 295:8 (fair linen and frontal)

Psalm 22: 16-18

For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
17 I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.

Collect of Thanks: I, p. 85

P: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts

true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. C: Amen.

Silent Prayer

Postlude