



Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion & The Stripping of the Altar
On Zoom

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Ministers of the Liturgy:

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Opening Hymn: *What wondrous love is this, O my soul*
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul
 To lay aside his crown for my soul.

Hymnal #439

Mother Judith Opening Acclamation:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

The maker of heaven and earth.

Lord you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name:

Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

Mother Judith Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us

Mother Judith Collect of the Day:

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.**

Peach Warren A Reading from the Book of Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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. . . .

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.

Mary Johnson & Peach Warren Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 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.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD * **for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * **and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * **in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD * **is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * **in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, * **in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Mother Judith The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to John [13:1-15]

Glory to you Lord Christ

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Peach Warren & Mary Johnson The Prayers of the People

On this holy night we dine together as the body of Christ even though we gather at separate tables, and we promise to love and serve each other. On this holy night, then, let us pray for the church and all humankind.

God our provider, on this night Jesus gave us this holy feast, and you continue to feed us with the bread of life and lift for us the cup of salvation: May all who gather in your Name, even in our separate spaces, receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet.

God of love **grant our prayer.**

Servant God, on this night Jesus washed his disciples' feet: May we follow His example of love and service.

God of love **grant our prayer.**

God of compassion, on this night Jesus prayed for those who would believe through the message of the disciples: May those who gather near and far on this evening proclaim your infinite love by the way they live.

God of love **grant our prayer.**

God our companion, we pray for those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, for those we have betrayed and for those have betrayed us, and for all who feel isolated.

God of love **grant our prayer.**

God of hope, remember all those in need, especially our medical teams, frontline workers and first responders, those who are ill and afraid, and those we silently hold before you now ...

God of love **grant our prayer.**

Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, in Christ we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our friend and brother. Amen.

Hymn *Let us break bread together*

Hymnal #325

Jeff Lukas

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees, / let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, / O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, / let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, / O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees, / let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, / O Lord, have mercy on me.*

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: *Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me.* As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: *Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.*

Gathered in our own homes, as your children, we are made one body in Jesus Christ, Who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We share in offering our gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you our lives. Pour out your Spirit upon this offering, that it may be for us the body and blood of Christ, drawing us together as one Spirit in you. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread saying:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

If you have a consecrated host, you now receive holy communion at home. If you do not, this prayer may be a way of sharing in the sacrament:

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are truly present in this bread and wine, and since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you and we embrace you with all our love. May we never be separated from you, living and dying in your love. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Jeff Lukas

Mother Judith Prayer of Thanksgiving

We rejoice with thanksgiving, and yet are humbled by God's love! We celebrate what God has done, but at the same time we wait for a new future. As Jesus left, he promised he would come again and restore all things. We believe that God will continue to create and fill our world with grace and beauty, so we await the day in which He will again come and bring His Kingdom in fullness. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has adopted us as your children, and allowed us to call you Father. **Amen**

Mother Judith God has shown us so many acts of kindness and grace. For each one, we say —*It would have been enough!*

Members of the household may take turns reading these prayers, all respond together.

Mary Johnson If only the Lord God had taken us out of Egypt . . . *It would have been enough!*

Peach Warren If only the Lord God had taken us out of Egypt and not passed judgment on the Egyptians . . . *It would have been enough!*

Mary Johnson If only the Lord God had passed judgment on the Egyptians and not parted the sea for us . . . *It would have been enough!*

Peach Warren If only the Lord God had parted the sea for us and not taken care of us and fed us manna in the desert for 40 years. . . . *It would have been enough!*

Mary Johnson If only the Lord God had taken care of us and fed us manna in the desert for 40 years and not given us the Sabbath rest . . *It would have been enough!*

Peach Warren If only the Lord God had given us the Sabbath rest and not brought us to Mount Sinai and given us the Torah . *It would have been enough!*

Mary Johnson If only the Lord God had brought us to Mount Sinai and given us the Torah and not brought us into the land of Israel. *It would have been enough!*

Peach Warren If only the Lord God had brought us into the land of Israel and had not sent his Son to be our Teacher and our Redeemer. *It would have been enough!*

Mary Johnson If only the Lord God had sent his Son to be our Teacher and our Redeemer and had not forgiven us for all that we have done wrong. *It would have been enough!*

Peach Warren If only the Lord God had forgiven us for all that we have done wrong and had not given us the promise of his presence in the sharing of this bread and this cup.
It would have been enough!

Mother Judith For all these, we say
Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, through Christ we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

Mother Judith

Let us pray:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and

work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the stripping and washing of the altar please join in recitation of Psalm 22:

Ann Marie Lockwood

Translation drawn from Robert Alter & the Grail translation

1 My God, my god, why have you forsaken me?*

You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.

2 My God, I call out by day and you do not answer,*

by night—no stillness for me.

3 And you, the Holy One*-enthroned in Israel's praise.

4 In You did our forbears trust* they trusted, and you set them free.

5 To you they cried out, and escaped,* in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm, and no man* a disgrace, by all people scorned.

7 All who see me do mock me--*they curl their lips, they shake their heads.

8 The person who turns the LORD, will be set free*

the LORD will save the one who trusts, for the LORD delights the one who trusts.

9 For you drew me out from the womb,* made me safe at my mother's breast.

10 Upon you have I been entrusted from birth*

even in my mother's womb you were my God.

11 Do not be far from me, for distress is near,* and there is no one to help.

12 Brawny bulls have surrounded me,* the mighty of Bashan close me in.

13 Against me they open wide their jaws,* like lions, rending and roaring.

14 Like water I am spilled out,* all my limbs fall apart, my heart has become like wax.

15 Parched as burnt clay is my throat, my tongue cleaves to my jaws,*

and to death's dust have you thrust me.

16 Packs of dogs have surrounded me, a band of evil beasts has encircled me,*

They have bound my hands and my feet.

It is they who have counted out all my bones.*

17 They stare and gloat at me; *

they have divided my garments among them and cast lots for my robe.

18 Do not leave me alone, O LORD,* You are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Rescue my soul from the sword,* my soul from the grip of these dogs.

20 Save my life from the jaws of these lions,* my soul from the horns of these oxen.

21 I will proclaim your name to my people,* in the assembly let me praise you.

22 Fearers of the LORD, give praise ! *

All the children of Jacob give glory! Be not afraid of the LORD, children of Israel!

23 For the LORD has not spurned or despised the affliction of the lowly;

nor looked away from them* but has heard the poor when they cried out.

24 For You – my praise in the great assembly,*

my vows I will fulfill before those who fear the LORD.

25 The lowly shall eat and be sated, and those who seek the LORD shall praise the

LORD.* May their hearts live forever.

26 All the far ends of the earth will remember and return to the LORD;*

all families of the nations shall bow down in awe.

27 For kingship is the LORD's,* who rules over all nations.

28 Yes, to the LORD shall bow down all the mighty of the earth,*

all who must die and go down to the earth.

29 My soul shall live for the LORD, and my children too shall serve.*

They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come.

30 They shall declare to a people yet unborn* "These things the LORD has done.

Mother Judith **Closing Prayers**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Mother Judith **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Closing Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

The service ends in silence.