

Christ Washes the Apostles' Feet (1308-1311)
Duccio di Buoninsegna, d. 1319
Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (Siena, Italy)

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9, 2020 Podcast

PROLOGUE Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Prélude (From Suite, Op. 5) Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Maurice Duruflé was a French organist, composer, and teacher. He was a perfectionist who destroyed many of his compositions, but left a body of work that is among the most sophisticated and refined from his generation. His music combines French impressionism with inspiration from sources such as Gregorian Chant. His suite for organ is his longest piece for the instrument, and it represents one his high points in organ composition. The three movement work was written in 1933 and dedicated to Paul Dukas, Duruflé's composition teacher. The Prèlude is reputedly Duruflé's favorite organ piece, and one of the few he performed publicly. Written in E-flat minor, it begins dark and somber, building to crashing fortissimo chords, before ending with a pensive, meditative secondary theme. While this piece is not programmatic in any way, the range of emotions and somber tone is reflective of both our liturgical celebrations during this Easter Triduum and our current events in the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil--all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence for reflection

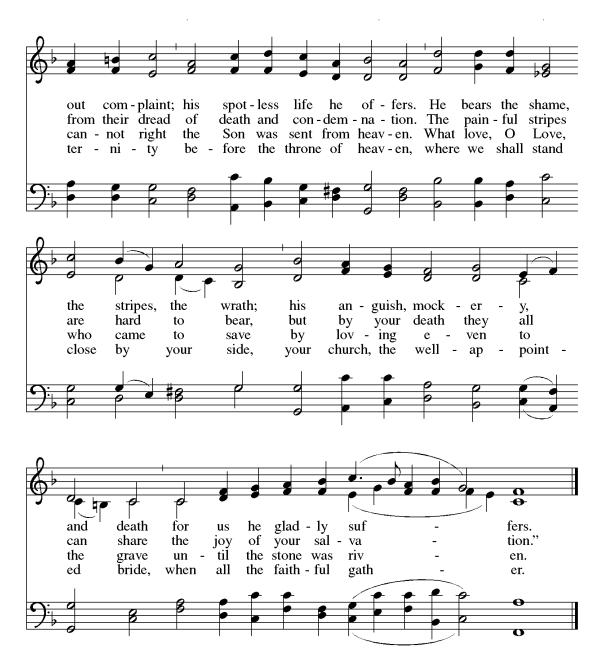
Most merciful God.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.





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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

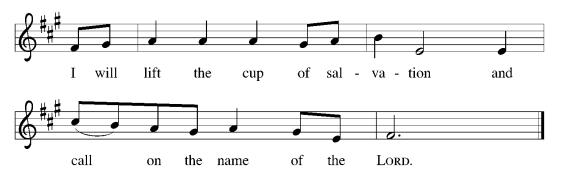
A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. 4If 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. 5Your 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. ⁷They 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. ¹⁰You 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. 12 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. 13The 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.

¹⁴This 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 116:13
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¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice, and listened to my ¹ supplication,

2 for the LORD has given $^{\parallel}$ ear to me

whenev- | er | called.

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things God has I done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD. REFRAIN

14 will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,

is the death | of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

"I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people,

in the courts of the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. REFRAIN

SECOND READING | Corinthians | 1:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future..

A reading from First Corinthians.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For 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.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Cantor:

I give you a | new commandment,* that you love one another just as I | have loved you. (John 13:34)

After the cantor, the assembly repeats the Gospel Acclamation above.

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

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁵Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

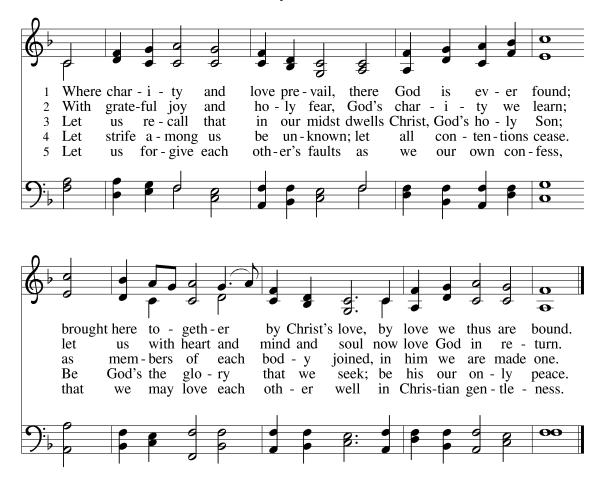
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Stephen Springer

Where Charity and Love Prevail



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For each petition: Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Ubi Caritas

Our hymn of the day is an English translation of an ancient Latin text which is traditionally sung during the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. The Gregorian Chant tune that traditionally accompanies this Latin text is thought by many scholars to be one of the oldest still extant Christian chant tunes, perhaps dating from as early as the 300s, before the formalization of the Mass.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22: Deus, Deus meus

No blessing or dismissal.

The service ends in silence and darkness.