

Thursday, April 17, 2025



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Let Us Break Bread Together

LEVAS II #325

The Opening Hymn

Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees; _____ Let us
 Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; _____ Let us
 Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees; _____ Let us

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 break bread to- geth-er on our knees; _____ when I fall on my
 drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; _____ when I fall on my
 praise God to- geth-er on our knees; _____ when I fall on my

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 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O _____ Lord have mer-cy on
 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O _____ Lord have mer-cy on
 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O _____ Lord have mer-cy on

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 me. _____
 me. _____
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Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: "Let Us Break Bread," Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Gathering

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant holds up the bread.

The Blessing over the Bread

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Celebrant then breaks the bread and distributes it to everyone at the table. After each person has received their bread, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

People: **Amen.** (*the people then consume the bread they received from the Celebrant*).

The meal begins after this, and once everyone is eating, one reader reads from the Exodus.

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹The 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. ⁶You 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. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The meal continues. Once everyone has finished eating, this portion of Psalm 116 is read responsively.

The Psalm: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

¹I 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?**

¹¹I 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.**

¹³Precious 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.**

¹⁵I 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,**

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

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

²³I 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Leader holds up the container of wine [or other festive drink].

The Blessing over the Wine

Celebrant Let us pray.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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, do this for the remembrance of me."

Each participant receives some of the wine in a cup; when everyone has wine in front of them, the Celebrant then says:

Celebrant: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

People: **Amen.** *(the people raise their cups and drink the wine)*

The Sequence Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymnal #602

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Now 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." ⁹Simon 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."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Julie Beals

There is a moment of silence after the sermon.

The Foot washing

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

All **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

All **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

All **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

The Celebrant explains how the foot washing will happen. Participants wash each other's feet.

During the foot washing, please join in singing the following hymns.

The Foot washing Hymns
Where True Charity and Love Dwell

Hymnal #606



Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
As we are all of one body, when we gather
Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace



let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
let no discord or enmity break our oneness.
to see your exalted glory, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease
our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sincerity love all people.
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.
for ever and for ever more, world without end.

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Music: "Ubi caritas," plainsong, Mode 6; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymnal #602

Chorus

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The lyrics are: "Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were feet, white, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them. love, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way. slaves; All are neigh - bors to us and you. this is the way we should live with you."

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Prayer of St. Francis and Benediction

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People 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.*

Celebrant The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Closing Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymnal #43

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

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won - drous love is this, O my soul? What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

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caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

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soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music : "Wondrous Love", from "The Southern Harmony", 1835.

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