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Maundy Thursday

April 5, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Prelude in E Minor

J.S. Bach

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn

When Jesus left his Father's throne

Hymnal 480

Please stand.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading

Please be seated.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- 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.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth.

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

Sequence Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Hymnal 602

Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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

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

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. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader Beloved of God, for whom Christ died, let us pray.
(Pause)

Leader Heaven's Healer, Hope of the world, we pray for people in physical, mental, and spiritual anguish; the victims of illness, injury, and natural disasters. Have mercy on all who suffer. Give us the wisdom, knowledge, and compassion, to care for and restore our neighbors in distress.

People **Heaven's Healer, Hope of the world, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Sovereign and Servant, Friend of the forsaken, your people are divided. We judge and label one another in cruel and dismissive ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us break through the politics of greed and hatred, set us free, and make us agents of reconciliation in this sinful and broken world.

People **Sovereign and Servant, Friend of the forsaken, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Divine Deliverer, Gracious Redeemer, we pray for your Church. We claim to know your Word and understand your will, but our divisions betray us. In our squabbles over who is right and who is wrong we have lost credibility. Instruct, direct, and renew us, we humbly pray, that your Church may shine again with the light of your truth, and draw all people into your loving embrace.

People **Divine Deliverer, Gracious Redeemer, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Son of Mary, Son of God, we are desecrating your world. Without thought or care we hoard and squander what you have made. Deliver us from our consuming self-indulgence. Help us behave as honorable guests in your creation, use only what we need for each day, share fairly with one another, and preserve this sacred trust for succeeding generations.

People **Son of Mary, Son of God, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Lamb of God, Suffering Savior, we acknowledge our sinfulness, our failure to be the people we were created to be. Have mercy on us. As you have done in ages past, breathe your Spirit into our spirits, that we may be people of faith, hope, and love; peace, generosity, and joy.

People **Lamb of God, Suffering Savior, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Destroyer of death, Pledge of New Life, we remember loved ones who have died, and people who are dying now. By your Cross and precious death, restore our faith in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

People **Destroyer of death, Pledge of New Life, hear our prayers.**
(Pause)

Leader Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation, who lived and died for us, who rose again and reigns in Heaven, accept our humble thanks and imperfect praise for gifts beyond measure, for your life and love. And accept our offering of devotion and service.

People **Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation, hear our prayers.**

Leader Savior and Sovereign, may we honor and glorify you, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

The Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
Shirley Ratliff, Soprano

Edward Elgar

Presentation Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Hymnal 446

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns *As in that upper room you left your seat*
Ubi Caritas

WLP 729
WLP 831

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood**

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Stripping of the Altar

Hymn

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Hymnal 329

The Congregation departs in silence.

