

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Words of Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Solo #216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs 1)

Call to Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession

#444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (vs 1, 2 & 4)

Assurance of Pardon

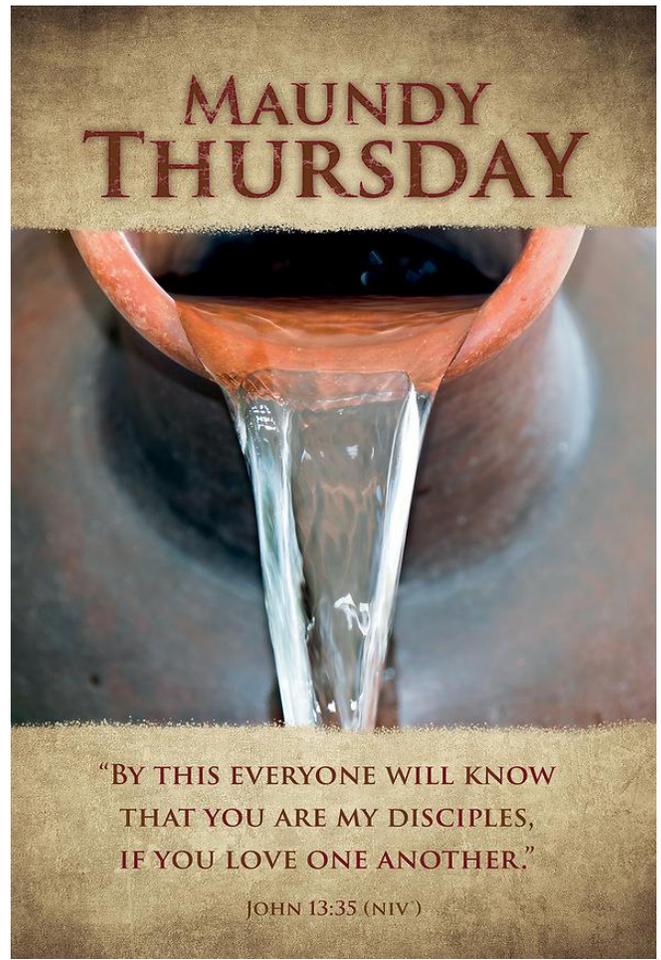
Prayer for Illumination

Tonight as we hear again of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, help us to find ourselves in the telling. Give us the courage to acknowledge our own inner Peter and Judas. And so humbled allow us also to see how we are your disciples still when we love others in your name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may we see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."



⁹“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”
¹⁰ Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.
¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. ³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him,^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.
³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Meditation *Cleaning Hearts*

A Time of Silent Reflection

Solo #202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (vs 1-2)

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer after Communion

**O Lord, our God, we rise from this table knowing
a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving
us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life;
for offering to us the cup of salvation. In humility and
hope, we go now from this night to your promised day.
In Christ we pray, Amen**

Solo #202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (vs. 3-4)

We depart in silence

As you silently leave the courtyard, you are invited to leave your “garbage” in the fire pit where it will be burned, reminding us that our forgiveness is complete through the mercy of a loving God.

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