

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
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Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00 PM

INTRODUCTION

Footwashing is a practice of radical vulnerability, of being seen and known. Jesus loved the disciples “to the end.” In this act, we remember that God holds all of our pain, vulnerability, doubts, and sufferings. As we venture toward the cross, we can lean into God’s everlasting arms, knowing we are held.

PRELUDE

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

J. S. Bach

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic?
The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends?
The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation?

If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered?
Would you have ordered dessert?
Would you have held your friends’ hands and told them how much you loved them?

If you had known, would you have washed their feet?

Tonight we gather together, because this night was the beginning of the end.
This night was Jesus’ last supper with his disciples.

Take a moment to imagine how Jesus must have felt.

Pause for silence.

Friends, with all of this in mind, I invite you to join me in our opening words:

**Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds.
May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.**

SOUNDING OF THE SINGING BOWL

CALL TO CONFESSION

The closer and closer we get to the crucifixion,
The more earnest our prayers of confession feel.
For we know that what was done to Jesus—
Betrayal, humiliation, violence, and death—

Are things we do to each other all the time.
So with all earnestness, a sense of urgency, and a deep hope for transformation,
We return to this prayer once again,
Trusting that the God who holds the stars in the sky is holding us tonight.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess together. . .

Pause for silent confession.

Holy God who holds us together,
If I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter—
 Misunderstanding your radical hospitality,
 Sticking to the rules,
 Arguing what I do and don't deserve.
Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas—
 The one who betrayed you,
 The one who failed to see the good right in front of him,
 The one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love.
If I were to place myself at your table,
It's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples—
 Watching, but not speaking,
 Silently missing the opportunity
 To tell you what I believe and how much I love you.
If I were to place myself at your table,
I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes
Your well-intentioned disciples made.
There is no surprise there.
What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless.
So forgive me, God.
Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,
 Jesus knew that Peter would deny.
 He knew that Judas would betray,
 And he knew the disciples would hide in fear.
 And still—*and still*—he invited them in.
 He washed their feet, and he fed them.
 Friends, we worship the living Christ
 Whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love.
 So may this story tonight remind us:
No matter who we are,
No matter where we go,
No matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life,
We will always be invited in and held together by the Living God.
Again and again and again, we are forgiven.
Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together.
 Jesus of Nazareth,
 If the disciples had known
 That the last supper would be their last meal with you
 Before the crucifixion, I bet they would have listened differently.
 I bet they would have put down their arguments,
 And leaned in with their whole bodies.

I bet they would have asked questions
And halted the small talk.
I bet they would have taken notes and hung on your every word.

Jesus of Nazareth, I want to listen like that.
I want to listen like tonight might be the last time you speak.
I want to listen like everything could change tomorrow.
I want to listen like my soul depends on it.

So gracious God, clear away anything in me that might distract.
Clear away anything in me that might hinder my hearing and receiving of your word.
I am listening.
We are listening.

With hope and honesty we pray.

Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Derek Stienmetz

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse 1:



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933
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The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
 of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are each a tapestry of stories.
 We are our stories of fear and grief,
 As well as our stories of love and joy.
 We believe that God sees all of these interwoven truths
 And says to our fragile selves:
*“Come in.
 Come in from the cold,
 Come in from the rain,
 Come in from wherever you are,
 And be here tonight.”***

**We believe that God then pours warm water into a basin
 To wash off the weariness of the day,
 The bruises of the past,
 And the doubt that clings to us.
 We believe that this act is an act of love.
 Similarly, we believe that God says to us: “Eat.”
 And God shares of God’s self,
 And it is food not only for our bodies, but for our souls.
 We believe that all this happens
 Every time we close our eyes and imagine God,
 And every time we close our eyes and imagine God,
 We believe the parts of our tapestry that feel worn and frayed
 Are held together.
 So today, we remember. Today we say thank you.
 Today, we know—we are held together.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

Lord, in your mercy, *or* Lord, we praise you,
Hear our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

+ **Meal** +

OFFERING MUSIC

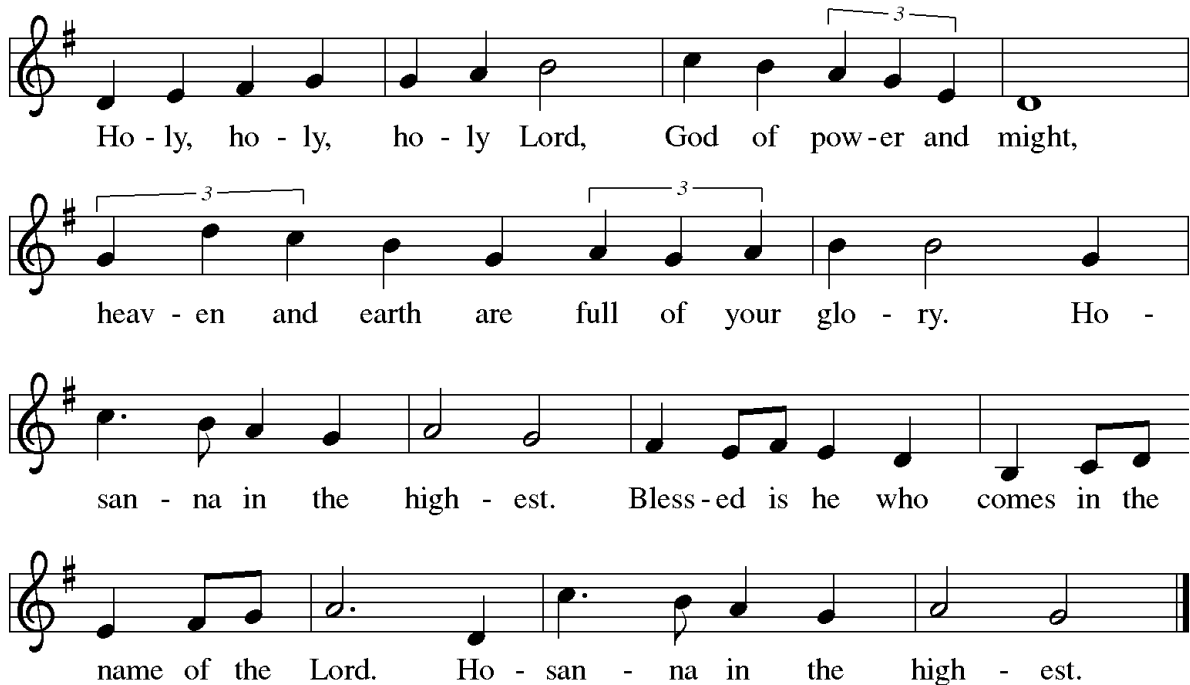
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DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+ Sending +

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88

¹O LORD, my God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.
²Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.
³For I am full of trouble;
my life is at the brink of the grave.
⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;
⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in dark places, and in the abyss.
⁷Your anger weighs upon me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
⁸You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them;
I am in prison and cannot get free.
⁹My sight has failed me because of trouble;
LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
¹²Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
¹³But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;

in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴LORD, why have you rejected me?
Why have you hidden your face from me?
¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.
¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me;
¹⁷they surround me all day long like a flood;
they encompass me on every side.
¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.

SERVING TODAY

<i>Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Preacher:</i>	Derek Stienmetz
<i>Music Director & Organist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Children's Message:</i>	Derek Stienmetz
<i>Cantor:</i>	Lauren Kelly
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Chris Maglocchi
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cindi Rachowicz, Jan Wendel
<i>Cover Art:</i>	Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Alla Ruzs, recovering from surgery. † Frank Ziegler, recovering from eye surgery † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, hospitalized for heart problems. † Dana & Alex Salazar, daughter and son-in-law of Millie Burek, on the birth of a baby daughter, Lorena † Family of Judi, sister of Millie Burek, who passed away 2/14/21 † Stephen Tschaikowsky, son of Alla Ruzs, recovering from surgery † Ann Wagner, recovering after hospitalization † The family of John Genovese, father of Courtney Radde, who died 12/17/20 † Barry and Hope Kellman, friends of Diane Kastman, for healing for Barry and comfort for Hope † Jeremiah Allen, student of Stephanie Abudayeh, recovering from injuries after being hit by a car † Norma Adkerson, stepmother of Courtney, diagnosed with COVID † The family of Doris Regan, who died 11/25/20 † The family and friends of Carolyn Rasmussen, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 10/9/20 † Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia † Tony & Alissandra Swanson, friends of the Abudayeh family, as they mourn the death of their 7-year-old son † Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery † Iden Nowlin, friend of the Abudayeh family, recovering from cancer surgery † The families of Salwa Sous and Kevin Anderson, family members of Stephanie & Elias Abudayeh, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones † The family and friends of Pastor Bob Stout, former pastor of the Abudayeh family, who died 9/12/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Rachel Cordts, recovering from cancer surgery † Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20 † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm † Lani Miller † Doug Peters, who died 11/19/20 † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain † Greyson Nester † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland, sister of Lyn Brunn, who died 2/11/21 † The family and friends of Marty Anderson, family friend of Dave & Lyn Brunn, who passed away 11/15/20 † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis † Gil Basnik, father-in-law of Chad Johnson, in need of healing † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh † Sydney Johnson, her work † Mark Voosen † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family † Fred Rudolfi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing |
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UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT 7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY Online Worship
FRIDAY 7:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY Online Worship
SATURDAY 5:00 PM	Online Easter Vigil
SUNDAY, MARCH 28 8:00-8:30 AM 9:15-9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30-11:00 AM	EASTER SUNDAY Outdoor Worship at St. John's Children's Social Time Online Online Worship with Children's Message Virtual Coffee Hour

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