

**Year A; Maundy-Thursday**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 116*)

One: We love the LORD, because he has heard our voice and our supplications.

**All: Because he inclined his ear to us, therefore, we will call on him as long as we live.**

One: What shall we return to the LORD for all his bounty to us?

**All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

One: We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**All: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

One: He has loosed our bonds.

**All: We will offer him a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

One: We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**All: in the courts of the house of the LORD. Let us praise and worship the LORD!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from John 13*)

Our Lord gave his followers a new commandment, that we love one another. Just as he has loved us, he commanded us to love one another. Let us confess where we have failed to love one another.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*30 seconds*)

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from John 13*)

Loving God, you came in human form through Jesus of Nazareth. He modeled for us how we should live. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. He has commanded us to love one another as he loved. We, though, make love conditional. We draw boundaries around our love and do not love to the end. Forgive our sin; impress upon us our Lord's example. We pray this in the name of the one who was servant to all, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from 1 Corinthians 11; Romans 3)*

Our Lord has offered his blood as the new covenant. His blood is offered that we might be forgiven through faith. In his divine restraint, God has passed over past sins. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from John 13)*

**God, our righteousness, we remember our Lord's Passover celebration with his disciples on the night that he was betrayed. Jesus served the disciples by washing their feet. He sat at table with them and offered his body and blood for their salvation. Likewise, he continues to serve us as he joins spiritually in the sacrament and as his body and blood remain an atonement for our sin. With our gratitude, please accept these gifts for the continuing work of your church. Amen.**

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