

Year B; 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: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my 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: O LORD, we are your servants; we are your servants, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed our bonds.

All: We will offer you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD in the presence of all his people,

One: in the courts for the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD! Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from John 13; Luke 22*)

Jesus sat down even with the one who would betray him, washed their feet, shared a meal, and shared the Lord's Supper. This was even as he knew his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Let us confess when we have not been so quick to humble ourselves before those who would challenge us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from John 13; Luke 22*)

Merciful Lord, you sat at table with your betrayer-to-be under some of the most severe circumstances. You knew your last day was upon you, and the stress of all that was before you didn't have you fail to show love to all who were around you. You washed your betrayer's feet, shared a meal with him, and incorporated him into your Last Supper. We, too often, fail to demonstrate such humility and love before the people who have failed or betrayed us or whom we suspect of doing the same. You gave us a new commandment to love one another and cautioned us that everyone will know us as your disciples by our love. You modeled this for us, but we fail to demonstrate it back to you. Forgive our sin, and create in us new hearts that will display your law written upon them. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from John 13)*

As Jesus showed love toward Judas knowing what he would do, he also shows love for us knowing what we have done. He has offered us a sacrament that reminds us of his sacrifice on the cross that we might be forgiven our multitude of sins and offered eternal life. 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, 18-19)*

Lord Jesus, despite that you are fully God with all the privileges and powers of the divine, you did not exercise such powers when limited earthly powers sought to end your earthly ministry. You accepted arrest, trial under the authority of your creation, torture by earthly authorities, and crucifixion. You, though, are now seated in heaven ruling over heaven and earth working to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to this place with love, mercy, and justice. In thanks for what you have endured for our sake and for your continued work on earth, we give these tithes in your name. Amen.

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