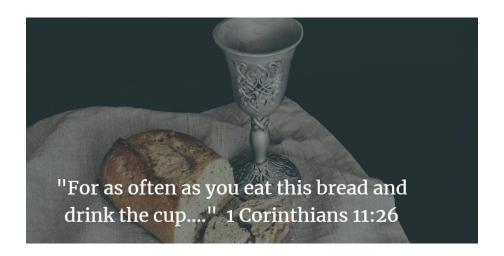
# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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# Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

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#### **Opening Hymn:**

CP #442 "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" (verses 1, 3, 5)

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free, your life to live, your joy to share. Give your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair and offer all that faith can do, while love is making all things new.

Text: Brian Wren

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Invitatory**

All: This is the day

Leader: that Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself in to the hands of

those who would slay him.

All: This is the day

Leader: that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

All: This is the day

Leader: that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,

giving us an example that we should do for others as he has

done for us.

All: This is the day

Leader: when Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat

this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last

day may reign with him in heaven.

All: Let us then gather to eat and drink and love and serve

each other, and so be blessed by the presence of Christ

among us. Amen.

**Collect of the Day:** 

(said by all)

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading:** 

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

(said by all responsively)

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication, \* who has listened to me whenever I called.

How shall I repay you, O Lord, \* for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon your name.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all the people.

Precious in your sight, O Lord \* is the death of your servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; \*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all the people of God.

In the courts of the house of the Lord, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**The Gospel** (we stand)

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon: The Good News of Christ!

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon:** The Rev. Miranda Sutherland (we sit)

~ Silence ~

## The Ceremony of Foot-washing

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, so that we may follow this example of Jesus. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

(All those who wish to have their feet washed come forward)

## Hymn:

CP #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain* 

Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near and far away. *Refrain* 

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all these are neighbours to us and you. *Refrain* 

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain* 

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain* 

Text: Tom Colvin, alt.

The Prayers of the People

(we kneel, stand or sit)

#### The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

~ Silence ~

People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### We Share the Peace of Christ

(we stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(From ancient times, the Christian custom has been to greet each other as a sign of the peace we share through Christ. As Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers". We ask that you pass the peace in no-contact ways—nodding, bowing, etc.—with those not in your household/bubble.)

#### WE CELEBRATE GOD WITH US IN HOLY COMMUNION

## The Preparation of the Gifts

(we sit)

(We collect people's contributions to the ministry & mission of St. John's. We encourage you to give online as possible at stja.ca/supporting-st-johns)

**Offertory Hymn:** 

(we stand)

CP # 585 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Text: Albert Frederick Bayly, alt.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** 

(said by all)

Father we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(we kneel, stand, or sit)

**Eucharistic Prayer** 

**BAS EP #5** 

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift

of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes

from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**Sanctus:** (said by all)

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,

that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the

courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of

the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer:

(said by all)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

**People:** Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in

dying.

People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if

we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### The Communion

(All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive: if you are baptized, we invite you to receive Communion; if you are not baptized, we invite you to receive a blessing.)

(Since the Eucharist is a corporate spiritual practice, please maintain a receptive and quiet attitude as others are receiving Communion.

Listen to the music and treat this time as part of your Eucharistic meditation.)

(Wine is offered for those comfortable receiving it. Note: intinction [dipping the bread in wine] is not permitted in our Diocese. You are welcome to receive the bread alone if you wish, and to bring the bread back to your seat before consuming; if masked, feel free to stay masked.)

The reserved sacrament will be taken to the chapel where it will remain until Easter morning.

## **Prayer after Communion**

(we stand) (said by all)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Stripping of the Altar

Members of the Altar Guild come forward. During the Stripping of the Altar, Psalm 22 will be read.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, \*
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our ancestors put their trust in you; \*
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; \*
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and not human, \* scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, "You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you; \* let God rescue you, if God delights in you."

Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; \* strong bulls of Bashan surround me. They open wide their jaws at me, \* like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \* my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \* and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evil-doers circle around me; \* they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones \* while they stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them; \* they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; \*
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
Save me from the sword, \*
my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth, \*
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your name to my kindred; \* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Praise the Lord, you that fear God; \* stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them; \*

when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \* who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \* all who go down to the dust fall before God.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; \* they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \* the saving deeds that God has done.

You are invited to depart in silence when you are ready. Please feel free to stay to pray in the church or side chapel as you wish.

## Thank you to those who assisted with the Services today:

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