



MAUNDY THURSDAY:

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

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Welcome: *Susan Haig*

✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting: *Susan Haig*

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ:
This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples 'feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day
that Christ our God gave us a holy meal to remember him by,
the feast of the Eucharist.

In this time of pandemic, we fast from the sacrament,
yet we will share in an Agape meal of bread and wine,
remembering what Jesus and his disciples shared.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal
your son established a new covenant for all people,
and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service.
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts,
feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn: #409 (Gather) – “Jesu, Jesu”

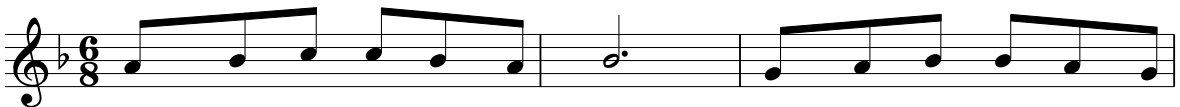
Refrain



Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you.



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh bours are rich and poor, Neigh - bours are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
white, Neigh - bours are near and far a - way.
love. All are neigh - bours to us and you.
feet, This is the way we should live with you.

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First Reading: *Didy Erb*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 116.1,10-17 (*George Black*)



I love you, O God,
because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me
whenever I called upon you. **Refrain**

How shall I repay you, O God,
for all the good things you have done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name, O God. **Refrain**

I will fulfil my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people.
Precious in your sight, O God,
is the death of your servants. **Refrain**

O God, 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 your name, O God. **Refrain**

I will fulfil my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people.
In the courts of God's house,
in the midst of Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Andrew Duffy*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

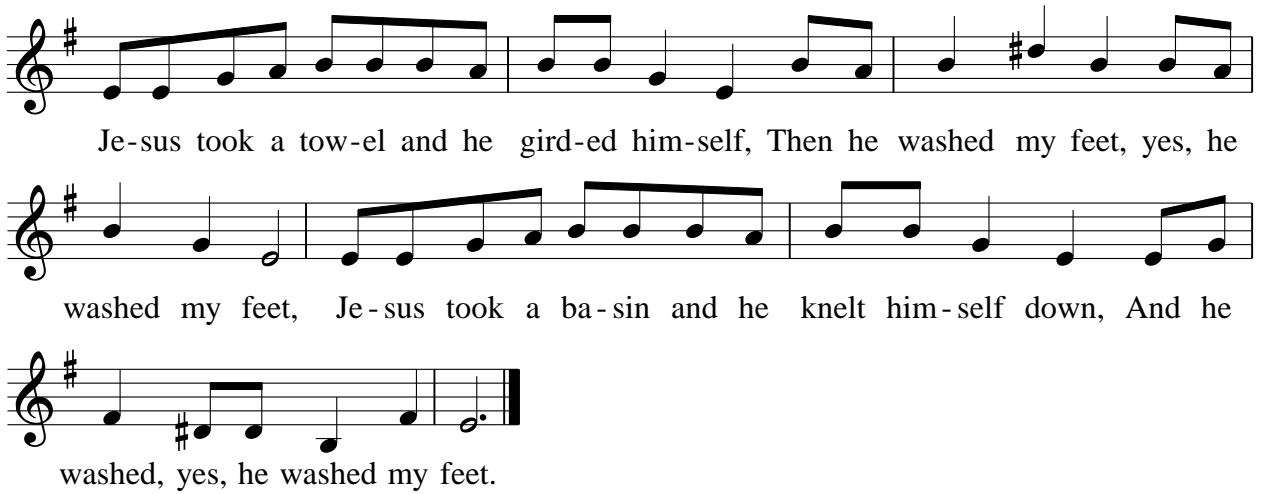
1 Corinthians 11.23-26

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

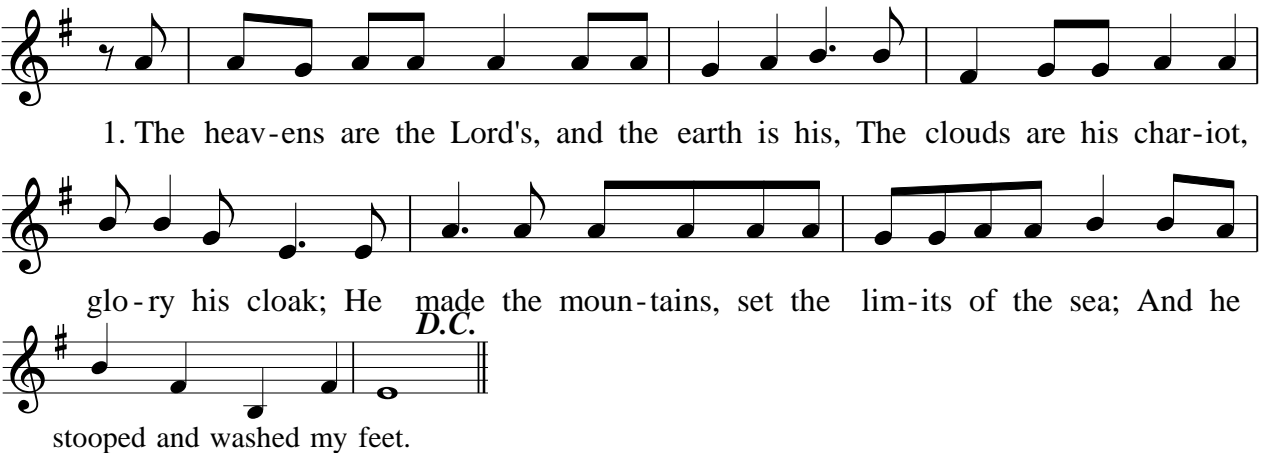
Hymn: #414 (Gather) – “Jesus Took a Towel”

Refrain



Je-sus took a tow-el and he gird-ed him-self, Then he washed my feet, yes, he washed my feet, Je-sus took a ba-sin and he knelt him-self down, And he washed, yes, he washed my feet.

Verse 1

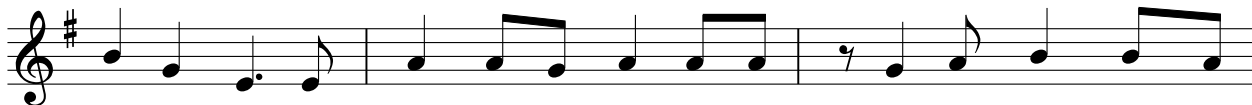


1. The heav-ens are the Lord's, and the earth is his, The clouds are his char-iot, glo-ry his cloak; He made the moun-tains, set the lim-its of the sea; And he stooped and washed my feet.

Verse 2



2. The hour had come, the Pasch was near; Je-sus loved his own, loved them



to the end. O Lord, let me see, let me un - der - stand Why you

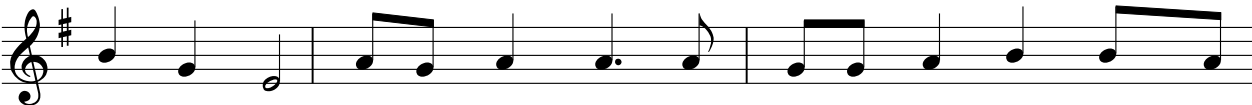


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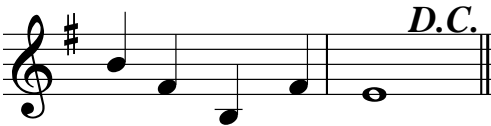
Verse 3



3. Je-sus came to Pe-ter; Pe-ter said to him, "Do you wash my feet? Lord, do you



wash my feet?" Je - sus knelt down, but Pe - ter cried out, "Lord, you'll



nev-er wash my feet!"

Verse 4



4. Je-sus said to Pe-ter, "Don't you un-der-stand? If you want to be mine, I must



wash your feet." "Then not just my feet, but my head and my hands! O



Lord, I want to be yours."

Verse 5

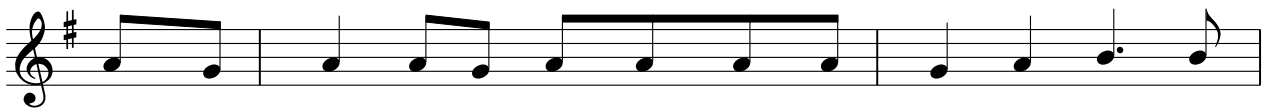


5. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, Who dwells in light in-ac - ces-si-ble;



No one has seen him where he sits on high, Yet he stooped to wash my feet.

Verse 6



6. "Do you know, lit - tle chil - dren, what I've done for you? You



call me Mas-ter, and you call me Lord. If I am your Mas-ter, and if



I am your Lord, Then, what I've done, you must do."

Verses 7-8



7. Now friends, let's be glad, let our joy be full. For
8. Who is like you, Lord, now en - throned on high, Where you



God is love, and he a - bides in us. He washed our feet, he
look up-on the heav - ens and the earth be-low? Be - fore your face the earth



wash - es them still When we do what he once did.
trem - bles and quakes, Yet you stoop to wash my feet!

Verse 9



9. O the path is rug - ged, and the go - ing is rough, The jour - ney is long to our



heav'n - ly home, Our feet are wea - ry and cov - ered in mud, So the



Lord still wash - es our feet.

The Gospel: *Steven Mackison*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.1-17, 31-35

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

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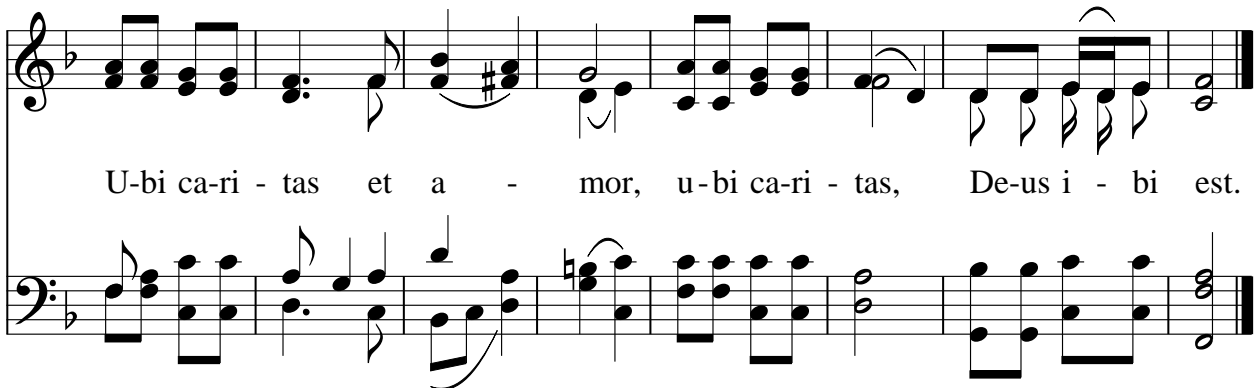
Foot Washing: *Susan Haig*

Priest: 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.

Though we cannot be together to share in this humble act of love,
we imagine that we, too, sit among the disciples in that upper room,
and that this simple act of foot washing
puts us in touch with Jesus' undefended love,
present here with us, in each room, at this very moment.
I invite you, therefore,
to, now, wash the feet of another,
or wash your own if you are in a household of one.

During this time, we sing "Ubi Caritas"

Hymn: #408 (Gather) – "Ubi Caritas"



U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas, De-us i - bi est.

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Concluding Prayer: *Susan Haig*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: *Chris Ambidge*

Leader: In the power of the Spirit let us pray to God
through Christ the saviour of the world.
O God,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and humble us.**

Leader: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and unite us.**

Leader: On this night, he prayed for those
who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and renew our zeal.**

Leader: On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and fill us with your love.**

Leader: On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and give us your peace.**

Leader: On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, hear us

All: **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

Leader: Gracious God, on this night we give you thanks
as we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is poured out in death for our sakes,
and will rise in glory to make all things new.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *Susan Haig*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Agape Meal: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Dear Friends,
we gather to share with one another,
as Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room.
This ritual meal meal, Agape, is not the Eucharist -
the sacramental meal that we share in Christ.
Nevertheless, this meal is another way of living out
Jesus' commandment that we love one another
with the same self-emptying love, mercy and forgiveness
with which he has loved and still loves us.

*All are encouraged to have bread and wine before them,
and to partake when they are addressed by the priest.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.
You bring forth bread from the earth;
and on this night you have gave us the bread of life
in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe.
You create the fruit of the vine;
and on this night you gave us the cup of salvation
in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: As we partake of the bread and wine before us
we thank you, God,
for the food which nourishes us
and for this fellowship which sustains us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The priest addresses each person, saying,
"Just as this bread and wine sustains your body so may our unity in Christ, sustain your spirit."
Each person responds, saying, "Amen."*

Concluding Blessing: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Loving God,
bless all who have gathered for this night.
May we know the fullness of your presence
at every meal and in all our sharing.

People: **Amen.**

Garden Watch: *Susan Haig*

After his last meal, Jesus took his apprentices with him out to a garden that overlooked Jerusalem.

Shortly afterward he went off to pray by himself.

As he prayed he wept and struggled with what would come next, following his arrest.

He begged his friends: "Watch and pray with me." So we do—we try.

We enter this time of silence and reflection, after the following prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Priest: Sit here while I pray.
The sorrow in my heart is so great, it almost crushes me.
Stay here and keep watch with me.

Father, I have shown your glory on earth;
I have finished the work you gave me.
I have given my disciples your message and the world ... it hated them.
Yet I don't pray that they may be taken out of the world.
I pray that they may be kept from evil.

Sleeping Peter?
Can you not even keep awake for an hour?

Priest: Father, I pray not only for my friends, but for all who believe their words.
I pray that they may be one, just as you and I are one.
Father, the world does not know you.
but I know you and they know you.
So that the world may believe that you sent me,
may they be one...may they be one.

Peter, keep watch and pray.
Don't be drawn by temptation.
The spirit is willing, but, oh, the flesh...
the flesh is weak.

Priest: Father, if it is possible...
if it is at all possible...
please take the cup of suffering from me...
take away this cup of suffering from me....
but let it not be what I want.
Let it be what you want.

*All are invited to light a candle as we enter the watch
Take time tonight to linger in the garden, to be still and pray with Jesus.
Let yourself be guided by this piece of music.
After 1 hour, when the music finishes, we will close with the following prayer.
All are then invited to depart in silence.*

Priest: Sit here while I pray.
The sorrow in my heart is so great, it almost crushes me.
Stay here and keep watch with me.

Father, I have shown your glory on earth;
I have finished the work you gave me.
I have given my disciples your message and the world ... it hated them.
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Father, if it is possible...
if it is at all possible...
please take the cup of suffering from me...
take away this cup of suffering from me....

Priest: but let it not be what I want.
Let it be what you want.

Are you still sleeping?
Are you still taking your ease?
The hour has come for the Son of Man
to be handed over to sinful people.
Get up, let us go!
Look, here comes the one who is to betray me...

Candles are extinguished and all depart in silence.

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