

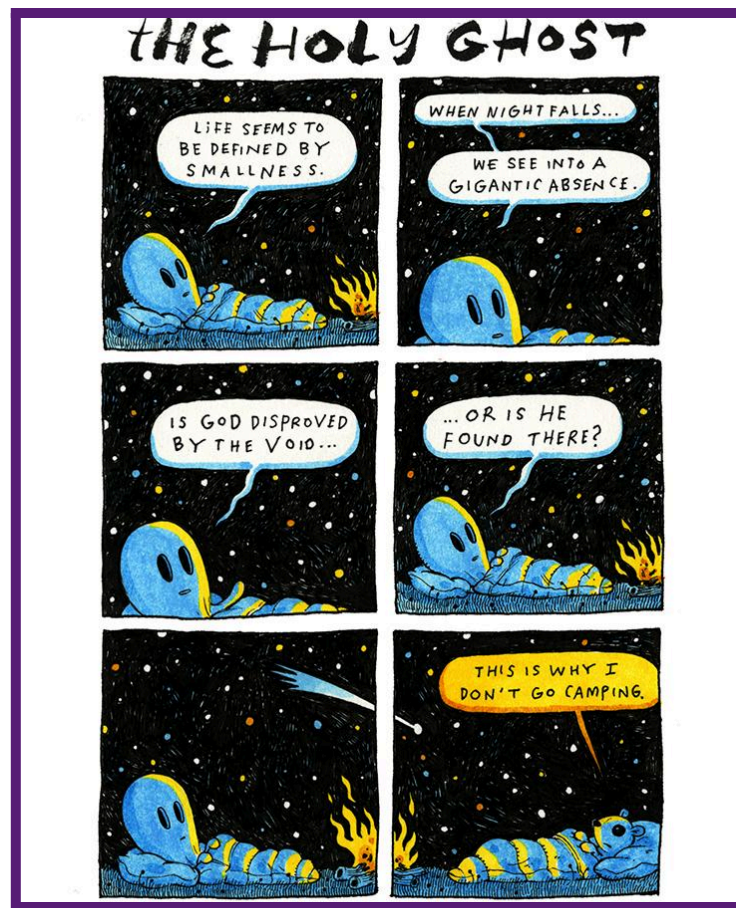


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MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024 7pm

WELCOME to worship! Today on Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection three days later. Assistant Minister Dana Becker and her classmate, Yvonne Roesel, created this service with inspiration and elements from their class The History of Christian Mysticism at Luther Seminary. Welcome and we pray this space holds some peace and connection with the Divine for you tonight.

PRELUDE: *O virtus sapientiae* (Arr. for Cello & Orchestra by Julian Riem)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CONFESSION – The Jesus Prayer, an ancient prayer.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God Speaks to the Soul

by Mechthild of Magdeburg (Translated by Oliver Davies)

God speaks to the soul

And God said to the soul:

I desired you before the world began.

I desire you now

As you desire me.

And where the desires of two come together

There love is perfected.

GATHERING HYMN: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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 neighbor 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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: 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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, the Life of All the Living

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REFLECTION & SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Lectio Divina, with Brief Reflections

John 13:31-35; John 14:1-7; John 14:15-17, 25-27; John 15:1-5, 12-17

VIDEO REFLECTION: *Your Labor is Not in Vain* by The Porter's Gate

BLESSING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC: *O virtus sapientiae* (Arr. for Cello & Orchestra by Julian Riem)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN: *St. Teresa Prayer*

SENDING GOSPEL: John 18:1-27

BENEDICTION

THE SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: *All Will Be Well* by Julian of Norwich

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HOLY WEEK 2024

HOLY WEEK:

- Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7pm (Mystics inspired service with Communion)
- Good Friday, March 29, Noon and 7pm (Tenebrae - 7 Last Words as the Sanctuary grows darker. Nailing of Prayer Concerns to the Cross);
- Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - March 30, 10am, Brief service celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with Adult Baptisms and Renewal of Baptism;
- Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am); Eggstravaganza (9:30am). Trumpets, choirs, special music, refreshments.

FLIER FOR HOLY WEEK: Grab a flier at the Welcome Table. It has all the details and invite a friend to join you for worship!