



Maundy Thursday Worship
April 9, 2020

*And now I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

GATHERING

Welcome & Worship announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, 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.

WORD

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

It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.² Jesus and his disciples were at supper. The Devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, the thought of betraying Jesus.^[a] ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him complete power; he knew that he had come from God and was going to God. ⁴ So he rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured some water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Are you going to wash my feet, Lord?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later." ⁸ Peter declared, "Never at any time will you wash my feet!" "If I do not wash your feet," Jesus answered, "you will no longer be my disciple." ⁹ Simon Peter answered, "Lord, do not wash only my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Those who have taken a bath are completely clean and do not have to wash themselves, except for their feet.^[b] All of you are clean—all except one." (¹¹ Jesus already knew who was going to betray him; that is why he said, "All of you, except one, are clean.") ¹² After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I have just done to you?" he asked. ¹³ "You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. ¹⁴ I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you. ¹⁶ I am telling you the truth: no slaves are greater than their master, and no messengers are greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!

Message

Prayers of Intercession

Response: Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

St. Paul Lutheran Breakthrough Prayer

O God of hope and love,
Thank you for your people of St. Paul Lutheran Church.
Move us by the Holy Spirit to live for you alone.
Take us outside ourselves, make us open, and remind us that
you are our center and our purpose.
Break down barriers of anger, fear, grief, hurt, and whatever
else is holding me back from being open, and
holding us back as a congregation.
Use me to do your work.
Use each of us for the plans you have for your church.
Through the abundant love of your Son, Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night, and forevermore.

Amen.