



**Maundy Thursday  
April 1, 2021**

**AN INVITATION TO A HOLY MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Celebrant:** Dear People of God: On the night before our Lord was betrayed, he celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and gave them the commandment to “*Do this in remembrance of me.*” (1 Corinthians 11:25) For more years than we can count, we have received this holy Supper in his loving memory and real presence, until the pandemic prevented us from keeping the feast. May this most holy of nights remind us of his promise to be with us always as we emerge from the pandemic and can anticipate with joy the receiving of these holy mysteries in the near future. Therefore, let us draw near to him as he sets a table in our midst and comes to us through the elements of our family and friends. May this night be an occasion for us to renew our faith in him who has “overcome the world,” and given us a foretaste of that heavenly banquet where we will feast with all the communion of saints. Now let us hear the Collect for Maundy Thursday.

**COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn 324 (vs. 1-2) “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”**

**Susan Hollinger**

**THE LESSONS**

**Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:2-3**

**Reader:** Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 78:14-16, 19-25**

**Reader:** He led them with a cloud by day, \*

**People:** and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**Reader:** He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*

**People:** and gave them drink as from the great deep.

**Reader:** He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
**People:** and the waters gushed out like rivers.

**Reader:** They railed against God and said, \*  
**People:** "Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

**Reader:** True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; \*  
**People:** but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

**Reader:** When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  
**People:** a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;

**Reader:** For they had no faith in God, \*  
**People:** nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

**Reader:** So he commanded the clouds above \*  
**People:** and opened the doors of heaven.

**Reader:** He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
**People:** and gave them grain from heaven.

**Reader:** So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
**People:** he provided for them food enough.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Reader:** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Hymn 316 "This is the hour of banquet and of song"**

**Susan Hollinger**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

**Celebrant:** It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not

every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Meditation**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard**

### A LITANY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Reader:** Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before you suffered, you instituted the Last Supper. Grant that we who have not been able to receive this sacrament regularly may know your real presence with us.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** You washed the feet of your disciples and gave them the example of servanthood. Help us to wash the feet of those in need.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We remember before you all those for whom you have given your body and blood. Draw near to those who suffer from all sickness in mind, body and spirit and give them your healing Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We praise you for making us your holy family, the children of God, as we lift up before you all orphans, the dispossessed, those seeking shelter and asylum.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** On this night, we remember your betrayal, trial and the Cross. Grant us your grace to follow wherever you lead that might join you in your heavenly paradise with all the communion of saints.

**People:** To you, O Christ, be all honor and glory.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Celebrant and People:** 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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### THE BLESSING

**Celebrant:** Most Gracious God, remind us always of those saving acts of redemption by your Son Jesus Christ who has made us a new people to feast around your heavenly banquet table with all your saints. In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 448 (vs. 1-4) “O love how deep, how broad, how high”**

**Susan Hollinger**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to walk in the way of the Cross.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Celebrant:** I invite you to remain for the stripping of the altar.

**Postlude “The Stripping of the Altar”  
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA**

**A Media Presentation**