

REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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7:00 p.m. ~ Thursday, March 28th

PRELUDE

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Remember Me”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lest we forget, Jesus commanded,

C: **“Do this in remembrance of Me.”**

P: For, He explained,

C: **“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”**

P: The new covenant is the fulfillment of the promise made centuries earlier through Jeremiah:

C: **“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”**

P: Therefore, the writer exhorts us,

C: **“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”**

P: As we approach the Table of the Lord in faithful obedience, we are asking Him to remember us as well! It is the age-old plea David expressed in Psalm 25 and 116:

C: **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

C: **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

C: **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

RESPONSE “Jesus Messiah”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-16, 34-35 [ESV]

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not 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, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN “Christ Entered Once Into the Holy Place”

SERMON “THE IDOL OF STATUS”

OFFERING

RESPONSE “His Mercy is More”

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another. Especially since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night on which He instituted this blessed Sacrament, it is proper that we examine ourselves since this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God’s Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living. Therefore whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: Amen.

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: **Amen.**

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: **Yes.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE "Your Table I Approach"

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Communion"

"Draw Near and Take"

Organ

arr. John Behnke

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

RESPONSE "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

THE STRIPPING of the ALTAR



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