



Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Dan Groom

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord has heard the cries of the people and meets every sickness, every pain, every broken heart, and every hungry belly at the Lord's table.

All: We cannot earn our place here;

Liturgist: we can only accept that we are loved and come to be fed.

All: We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and give our lives as our act of praise.

Opening Prayer:

Christ of the bread and the cup,
of now and eternity,
we turn to you, solemn and quiet.
Help us to hear your fateful words anew:
this is my body broken
so that the grip of greed and despair may be broken
and a new dawn may begin.
When we do not understand, help us to believe,
that your story may become our story,
in which all people are freed and loved. **Amen.**

* **Opening Hymn** *"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" #202* GTG

Congregation

* **Call to Confession**

Liturgist

On this night as we recall Christ's betrayal, we remember this: Christ broke bread with the one who would betray him. Christ washed the feet of Judas, that he may have a share in him. Knowing how deep our Savior's forgiveness runs, let us bring our sins to God.



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* Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unflinching, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy and lead us once again in your ways.

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Beloved of God, hear this good news: even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf and Christ redeems us still. Even now, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Responding to Grace:** *"Glory to God" #583 GTG*

Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 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. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Special Music

Gospel Reading:

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 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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, '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.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Service of Christ"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation:

Dan Groom

* Sermon Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu" #203 GTG

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Affirmation of Faith:

Life in Christ is life eternal.

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Blessing for the Bread and the Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Holy One,
for the body and blood of our Lord,
given with love for the world.
Send us out in your Spirit
to share the good news of salvation
and give ourselves for others;
in the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Call to Offering

* **Doxology**

Congregation

Stripping of the Church

* **Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger



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An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202 Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988
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MAUNDY
THURSDAY

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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

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

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

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

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

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Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

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CHEREPONI
 7.7.9 with refrain