

HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AGAPÉ AND MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9, 2020

THE AGAPÉ MEAL

You may observe this meal in your home. You are invited to join the Kesslers for a virtual shared meal via Zoom at 6:30pm. Visit the Harcourt website for Zoom details.

A meatless meal is preferred. The setting should be austere and the foods simple. Appropriate foods include soup, cheese, olives, dried fruit, and bread.

If there are several persons present, one should preside.

The Blessings

After a time of silence, the presider offers the following blessings.

Over Wine or Juice

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Meal

The meal is now eaten. If several are gathered, they first serve one another, then dine.

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The online prayer service begins at 7pm. Visit the Harcourt website for Zoom details. You are invited to have a source of water for handwashing to use later in the service.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

The Epistle

I 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

Spoken together, all muted.

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

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 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. 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."

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

Sermon

Invitation to Hand Washing

Priest

Let us wash, as we were washed in our baptism. We cleanse our hands as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we are afraid, but because we were commanded to love, and to cleanse our hands, and gather in spirit, is how we love the vulnerable, whom Jesus loved. May we be instruments of love. May the sacrifices we make be for the good of our human family near and far.

Each person then washes own hands thoroughly with water.

All (muted)

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Priest

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

All (muted)

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Priest

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

All (muted)

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Intercessions

Leader

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world, saying "Lord hear our prayer."

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; Make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Stripping of the Altar

If you have set up a sacred space for Holy Week in your home, you are invited to clear it as the Psalm is read, as a reminder of Christ's own self-emptying in preparation for his death.

Psalm 63:1-8

Officiant

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you,
your right hand holds me fast.

Sung together, all muted.

Were you there when they **crucified** my Lord? *(repeat)*
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they **nailed** him to the tree? *(repeat)*
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they **pierced** him in the side? *(repeat)*
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they **laid** him in the tomb? *(repeat)*
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

***You may remain on the call as long as you wish,
contemplating the barren altar.***

Please depart in silence.