

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35

“THE INSTRUCTION”

*As Jesus has loved and served us, so we are to love and serve one another
and all the world in His Name.*

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GATHER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

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 where 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. Amen.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(prayed together)

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

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your

staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

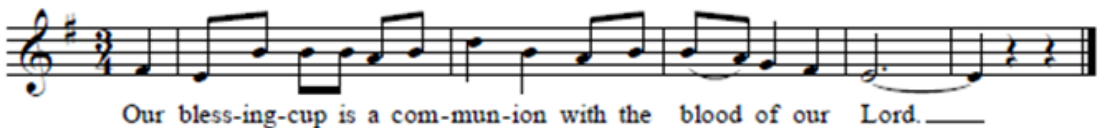
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116

“Our Blessing Cup”

Marty Haugen

Congregational refrain:



1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Refrain:

2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones;
and I am Your servant, Your chosen one, for You have set me free.

Refrain:

3. Unto Your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to You.
In the presence of all who have called on Your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Refrain:

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Return to the Lord, your God"



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

*GOSPEL

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray Him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off His outer robe, and tied a towel around Himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to Him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no

share with Me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For He knew who was to betray Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. ³²If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Instruction”

We love because He first loved us - 1 John 4:19

Washing Feet

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I can’t even love right! Do I have to wash those feet?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus loves us and serves His people then and now that we may grow in godly love.

On Discipleship: Pray for and love your neighbor and your enemy. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

#359

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God’s char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er’s faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God’s the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

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

C: And also with you.

SENDING

*HYMN


“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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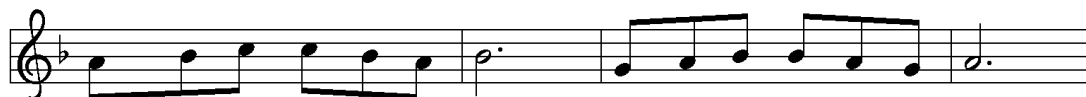
Refrain




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



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



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

1 My God, my God, why have You for - saken me

and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer;

by night as well, but I find no rest.

³Yet You are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴Our forefathers put their trust in You;
they trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵They cried out to You and were delivered;
they trusted in You and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh at me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let Him deliver him;
let Him rescue him, if he delights in him."

⁹Yet you are He who took me out of the womb,
and kept Me safe upon my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to You ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravener and a roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and You have laid me in the dust of the grave.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers encircle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁸Be not far a- | way, O LORD;

You are my strength; hast- | en to help me.

¹⁹Save me | from the sword,

My life from the power | of the dog.

²⁰Save me from the | lion's mouth,

My wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.

²¹I will declare Your name | to my brethren;

in the midst of the congregation | I will praise You.

²²Praise the LORD, | you that fear Him;

stand in awe of Him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

²³For He does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does He hide His |

face from them; but when they cry to | Him He hears them.

²⁴My praise is of Him in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship Him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall praise Him:

"May your heart | live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall | bow before Him.

²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;

He rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁸To Him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust | fall before Him.

²⁹My soul shall live for Him; my descend- | ants shall serve Him;

they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn

the saving deeds that | He has done.

**Depart in Silence*