

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
April 9, 2020
Maundy Thursday

GATHERING

We invite worshipers to enter, and then pray, in silence.

Jesus, Remember Me

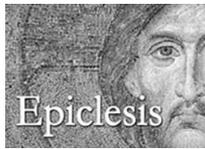
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[Silence]





A WORD ABOUT TONIGHT'S SERVICE

RESPONSORIAL READING: from Psalm 22

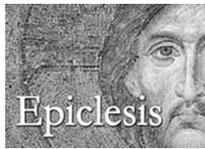
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer,
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
*Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.*

Sung:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
“He trusted in the LORD, let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
*Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.*

Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
*They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.*



Sung:

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

Be not far away, O LORD;

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the LORD'S forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that he has done.

Sung:

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be.

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And through eternity I'll sing on.

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[A Time of Silent Meditation]





READING: from 1 Corinthians 1

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.”

*For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world through its wisdom did not know Him,
God was pleased, through the foolishness of what was preached,
to save those who believe.*

**We proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not,
to reduce to nothing things that are,

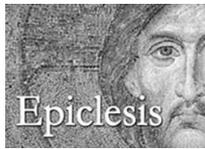
So that no one might boast in the presence of God.

**He is the source of our life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God –
that is, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption, –
in order that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

– from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

THE WORD

The Week That Changed the World



THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Reading: Luke 22:7-16



Communion meditations:

Jesus says, “The bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world. ... I am the bread of life; all who come to Me will never hunger, and all who believe in Me will never thirst. ... I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is His will: that everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life.”

– from John 6:33-40

Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

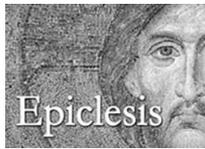
– Matthew 26:20, 26-30

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that 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 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.

– 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

I Will Remember Thee

According to Thy gracious Word, in meek humility,
This will I do my dying Lord: I will remember Thee.
Thy body broken for my sake, my bread from heav'n shall be.
Thy testamental cup I take, and thus remember Thee.

Chorus

I will remember, I will remember,
I will remember, remember Thee.

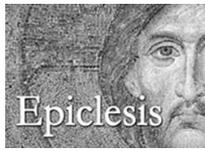
When to the cross I turn mine eyes, and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee.
Remember Thee and all Thy pains, and all Thy love to me;
Yea while a breath, a pulse remains, will I remember Thee.

Chorus

And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

Chorus

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MEDITATIONS

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

– 1 John 4:10

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

– Matthew 20:28

Redeemer Saviour Friend

I know You had me on Your mind
When You climbed up on that hill,
For You saw me with eternal eyes,
While I was yet in sin.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

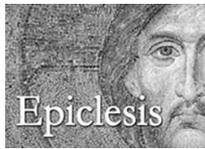
Every stripe upon Your battered back,
Every thorn that pierced Your brow,
Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands
Said that Your love knows no end.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

Chorus

Oh, Redeemer, redeem my heart again;
Saviour, come and shelter me from sin.
You're familiar with my weakness,
Devoted to the end. Redeemer, Saviour, Friend,

So the grace You pour upon my life
Will return to You in praise,
And I'll gladly lay down all my crowns
For the name by which I'm saved.
Redeemer, Savior, Friend.

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DEPARTING

Closing meditation: *Tenebrae factae sunt* (Gregorian chant)

*Tenebrae factae sunt, dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei.
Et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna:
Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:
Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.
Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum.*

Translation:

There was darkness over the earth when they crucified Jesus.
And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice:
My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
And he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.
Jesus cried with a loud voice and said,
Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.
And he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Holy God, you have opened our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to see in the cross the revelation of your love. Trusting in your faithfulness and thankful for your sacrifice and the fulfillment of your promise in the New Covenant through the body and blood of our Redeemer, your Son Jesus Christ, we now depart in silence to walk with Him in the way of the cross. **Amen.**

Now may the Lord, Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.

Amen.

We invite worshipers to leave in silence.

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