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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**The Hands of the Passion**  
Hands of Humility (Jesus)

*Greeting by the minister*

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION:**

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**PSALM 116** (CWS, read responsively)

M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

M: The LORD is gracious and righteous; when I was in great need, he saved me.

**C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

M: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**C: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?**

M: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**



*12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,*

*2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.*

*3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.*

*4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.*

*5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.*

*6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.*

*7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.*

*8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.*

*9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.*

*10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.*

*11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.*

*12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.*

*13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.*

*14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 313 v2-4 (see previous page)**

***“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”***

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

What happens here is no mere symbol. It is all as real as he is real. We eat and drink; we receive the true, essential, living body and blood of Christ in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And we receive it together. The whole Christ has come to dwell in you. The whole Christ has come to dwell in those around you receiving him as well. He is the meal and he the everlasting blessing of salvation in it!

<sup>16</sup> *Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?*

<sup>17</sup> *Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 313 v5-6**

***“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”***

**5 Christ says, “Come, all you that labor,  
And receive my grace and favor;  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician’s help or skill.”**

**6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

**SERMON:** *based on John 13:1-5, 12-17*

***“Hands of Humility”*** (Jesus)

**13** *It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

<sup>2</sup> *The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*

<sup>3</sup> *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;*

<sup>4</sup> *so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.*

<sup>5</sup> *After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

<sup>12</sup> *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.*

<sup>13</sup> *“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.*

<sup>14</sup> *Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.*

<sup>15</sup> *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

<sup>16</sup> *Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.*

<sup>17</sup> *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 313 v7-8  
"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"**

**7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death his only Son.**

**8 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
Surely you will be his guest  
And at his banquet ever blest.**

**THE PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER:**

M: Lord, we come into your presence with penitent hearts, for we daily sin and deserve your punishment. Yet, Lord, you encourage us to come to your Table and remember what you have accomplished for us on your cross.

**C: May your body and blood, given and poured out for us, comfort our guilt-ridden hearts with the assurance of forgiveness. Give us strength to remain faithful in the midst of life's challenges.**

M: Merciful Savior, in spite the example you set for us in Gethsemane, we confess that we often neglect to commit our needs, burdens, and troubles to you in prayer. We confess that we often make errors of judgment simply because we fail to seek your good counsel.

**C: How often we neglect to express our thanks and praise for all your blessings! And because of our thoughtlessness we often ask you for foolish and hurtful things. Forgive these and all our sins.**

*Special prayers and intercessions (read by the minister optional)*

M: Here us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer*

M: Strengthened by your gift of the Holy Spirit, may we always follow your perfect example that we may live our lives in a manner pleasing to you, O Lord.

**C: Help us to confess you to the world as our perfect and precious Savior.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The minister prepares the elements at the Lord's Table*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am all together sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

*The distribution hymn will not be sung today. Please read through the following verses while the sacrament is being distributed. Those partaking of the Lord's Supper, please follow the direction of the minister and the ushers.*

*The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.*

## 717 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

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1 When you woke that Thursday morning, Savior, Teacher, faithful Friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages: you assumed their dreadful sum.

2 Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart  
To be with your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart;  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creatures, one last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher, washing your disciples' feet.

3 What was there that you could give them that would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?  
"Show me and the world you love me, know me as the Lamb of God;  
Do this in remembrance of me, eat this body, drink this blood."

4 One in faith, in love united, all one body, you the head,  
When we meet, by you invited, you are with us, as you said.  
One with you and one another in a unity sublime,  
See in us your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,  
And your saints will know the rapture that your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union of the greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion in your never-ending feast.

*Please Stand*

### **THANKSGIVING and BLESSING:**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: CW Hymn 332 v2-3**  
**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.

1 Go, my children, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
2 Go, my children, fed and nourished, Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard my  
love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here my Spir - it's  
dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
pow - er filled you; Here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Go, my child - ren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, my child - ren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.