

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Holy Communion March 29, 2018**

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\* **OPENING HYMN:** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” # 126

**THE SERMON**

**PASTORAL INSTRUCTION**

**P.** In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ’s body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord’s last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord’s gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God.

C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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 hearts; 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen**

**\* The Sharing of the Peace**

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please feel free to share God's peace.)

**\* Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...*Prayer of the day*

Celebrate insert

**C: Amen.**

The First Lesson: Exodus 12: 1 - 4 (5 - 10) 11– 14

A. The Word of the Lord    **C. Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: Psalm 116: 1 - 19

The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 11:23 - 26

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\* The Response

**C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P. The Holy Gospel: John 13 - 1 - 7, 31b - 35**

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**Q: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Washing of Feet**

\*HYMN: No. 448 No. 370 No. 383 No 385 LBW

\* Nicene Creed    **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\* OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

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**What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanks-giving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**PRAYERS**

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**A. Merciful Father,**

**C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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P. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it. And gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink. Saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

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P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**C. 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into**

**temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**P. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

**C. Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”**

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**C. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace .**

### **Administration of the Holy Sacrament**

**(All baptized believers are welcomed to participate in the Holy Eucharist) (During the Communion please meditate on the mysteries we celebrate this week. You may also wish to pray through Psalm 20, on page 224.)**

### **The Blessing**

**P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.**

**C. Amen.**

**Post Communion Canticle**

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**C: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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.**

### **The Prayer**

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**A. Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with**

thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(There is no benediction. We leave in silence.)

**Holy Week**

**Good Friday, March 30**

**7:30 pm**

**Saturday, March 31**

**4:00 pm Quiet Hour Communion**

**Easter, April 1, 2018**

**7:30am Sunrise Service at St. Paul's Uniontown**

**9:00am Breakfast at St. Paul's**

**10:30am Worship Service at St. Paul's**