



*A bowl of water and towel are placed on a table.*

## THE LITANY OF PRAISE

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 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.**

**READING**

John 13:1-17, 31B-35 (NRSV)

## A Reading from the Gospel of John

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.

"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."

## HOMILY

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## CALL TO SERVICE

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

**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.**

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

**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.**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: We gather together, as part of the household of God in heaven and earth: apostles, prophets, martyrs, and servants, to pray for the Church and all humankind, saying: *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Leader: For the body of Christ, fractured in a world of racial violence, pandemic, and war, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table, or at any other table, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we hope to eat and the cup we hope to drink, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, and for the dying and all who mourn, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: For all in any need, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: In thanksgiving for our departed loved ones, friends, and enemies, as well as those who have gone before us as pillars of faith, we pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Officiant and People*

**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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

## PSALM 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
    Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
    and by night, but find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy,  
    enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our ancestors trusted;  
    they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
    in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
    scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock at me;  
    they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- 8 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver –  
    let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”
- 9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
    you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
- 10 On you I was cast from my birth,  
    and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- 11 Do not be far from me,  
    for trouble is near  
    and there is no one to help.
- 12 Many bulls encircle me,  
    strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
    like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water,  
    and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;  
17 I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.  
25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.
- 30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

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