

# Journeying Together

The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish's

## *Maundy Thursday Service*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** (virtual only)

*You are Mine*

<https://youtu.be/Sgm9IkTNQmc>

*In This Very Room*

<https://youtu.be/H7hTn3Lo5Yo>

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Fountain of living water,

**All: pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*All: 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**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.'<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **SERMON**

[Click HERE to watch Pastor Gretchen's sermon](#)

## Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Love Consecrates the Humblest Act'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system includes three lines of lyrics: '1 Love con - se-crates the hum-blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;', '2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet', and '3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true'. The second system includes three lines of lyrics: 'it sheds a ben - e - dic-tion sweet and hal-lows hu - man needs.', 'of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.', and 'has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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### OFFERING

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**PRAYER** (taken from *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*, ELW 358)

*Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.*

*We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.*

*Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.*

*Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.*

*Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.*

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE MUSIC FOR YOUR REFLECTION**    *Here I Am, Lord*    <https://youtu.be/CSODPhE-0ng>

(This arrangement of *Here I Am Lord* was given in honor of family and friends of the arranger. You will see the many faces of people the arranger is honoring but also with whom he serves: those with whom he is both gathered and sent. What great cloud of witnesses would you post and want to remember as you respond to God's great gift of love and redemption with your gifts of love?)