



## A MAUNDY THURSDAY TABLE EUCHARIST <sup>(3.16)</sup>

(with music from Taize' and LEVAS/ Intercession list will be passed around the table)

### Opening *Taize'* Hymns

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (repeated)

Ubi Caritas, et a....mor

Ubi Caritas, Deus ibi est (repeated)

### Our Opening Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Let us pray: Almighty god, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive in thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries give us a pledge of eternal life; and how now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. AMEN

### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [13:1–17, 31b –35] (Glory to you Lord Christ)**

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." *The Gospel of the Lord.* (Praise to you, Lord Christ)

### Comment by Dave

#### Ubi Caritas

**Leader:** We have been gathered together by the love of Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad now in our God. Let us all love the living God.

**Antiphon (all):** *Where charity and love prevail, there our God is found.*

**Leader:** Therefore when we are assembled, let us be as one; not to be divided in mind let us take care. Let there be an end to quarrels, an end to strife.

**Antiphon:** *Where charity and love prevail, there our God is found.*

**Leader:** And together with the blessed may we behold the glory of thy countenance, O Christ our God, which shall be for us our chief joy, pure unbounded, forever.

**Antiphon:** *Where charity and love prevail, there our God is found.*

**Leader:** Since the love of Christ has brought us all together, let us then rejoice and be glad together, let us love one another with sincere hearts.

**Antiphon:** *Where true love and charity are found, God himself is there.*

**Leader:** Therefore, when we gather as one, all together, may careless thought, action or deed not divide us; Let Christ, our God, dwell among us, in every heart.

**Antiphon:** *Where true love and charity are found, God himself is there.*

**Leader:** Let us with thy blessed ones see thy great beauty, Christ, our God. **Amen.**

**Taize' Hymn** as we prepare the wine and bread for communion:

**Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray..... watch and pray. (repeated)**

**The Opening of the Communion Prayer** (Our intercession-intentions for this evening are.....)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Holy Father, we thank you for this most sacred feast, in which we celebrate who you are and who we are becoming. As your Word spoke the Creation into being, so we lift our voices to say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, God, for sending your Son to welcome us as your beloved sons and daughters. Thank you for taking away all obstacles that separate us from you, and making us your friends.

Thank you, dear Lord, for continuing to feed us even as you fed your first disciples on that darkest night, when you took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is my gift to you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, you took the cup of wine, blessed, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of our new relationship, which is my gift to you which sets you free from the bondage of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come Breath of Life and Spirit of Wisdom: in the beginning you hovered over the waters of creation, and called the world into being; so now call us into being as your new creation, Sanctify this bread and wine that, nourished by your Body and Blood, we may work with you in your world in witness of your love. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**

*Celebrant:* We join together in the Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*Celebrant:* In breaking this bread we share in the body of Christ

*People:* **We who are many are one Body for we share in the one Bread.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for God's People

**Hymns** as we pass the bread and the wine:

***Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)***

***When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun o Lord have mercy on me***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees***

***Let us praise God together on our knees***

*And from Taize'*

***Eat this bread, drink this wine, come to me and never be hungry***

***Eat this bread, drink this wine, trust in me and you will not thirst***

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Celebrant and People (after communion):

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have gathered us together as One Body in Christ. As you have nourished our hearts with the Bread of Heaven, so send us into the world in peace to be outward and visible signs of your inward and spiritual grace. Remind us that you have made us whole not for ourselves alone, but to have us close to you in your ministry to the broken everywhere. Amen**

The Blessing

Our Simple Soup meal begins immediately! As the meal ends we will "strip the table" which will not be set again until Easter Eve.