



“Just as I have
LOVED YOU, YOU
also are TO LOVE
one another.”

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
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WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to
center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer,
and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why have we gathered?

All: To love, serve, and remember.

L: Why do we worship?

All: To love, serve, and remember.

L: Why do we come to the table?

All: To love, serve, and remember.

L: What will we do when we leave this place?

All: Love, serve, and remember.

HYMN . . . *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

INVOCATION

P: Gracious God, we have been called here by your inviting Spirit.

**All: As we come to worship you and praise your name, we
wonder: “What can we bring you?”**

*P: In the dark of the night, and in the depths of our hearts, we hear
your reply: “Your love is all I require.”*

**All: So, in thanksgiving and praise, we bring you our whole
selves, with hearts full to bursting.**

*P: Incline our ears to your word, and open our hearts to the
mystery of this holy night.*

All: Amen.

SINGING BOWL

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Jesus' call to struggle against sin, death, and evil, all that keeps us from loving God and each other.

All: This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

P: Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation.

All: On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the mystery of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence

P: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

Silence

P: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

P: We are often indifferent to the saving grace of your word and life.

Silence

P: Creator, have mercy.

All: Creator, have mercy.

P: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

SINGING BOWL

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: The God of Exodus and of Calvary loves us and nourishes us, feeding us with the bread of compassion and filling our cups with an endless stream of grace. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SINGING BOWL

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

All: 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.

A LITANY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

L: Let the feet of Christ be anointed, and let the world be filled with the fragrance!

All: As Christ washed our feet with water and dried them with a towel, we shall anoint his feet with ointment and wipe them with our hair.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,'. The second staff contains the melody for 'u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.' The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes for 'i - bi' in the second staff.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

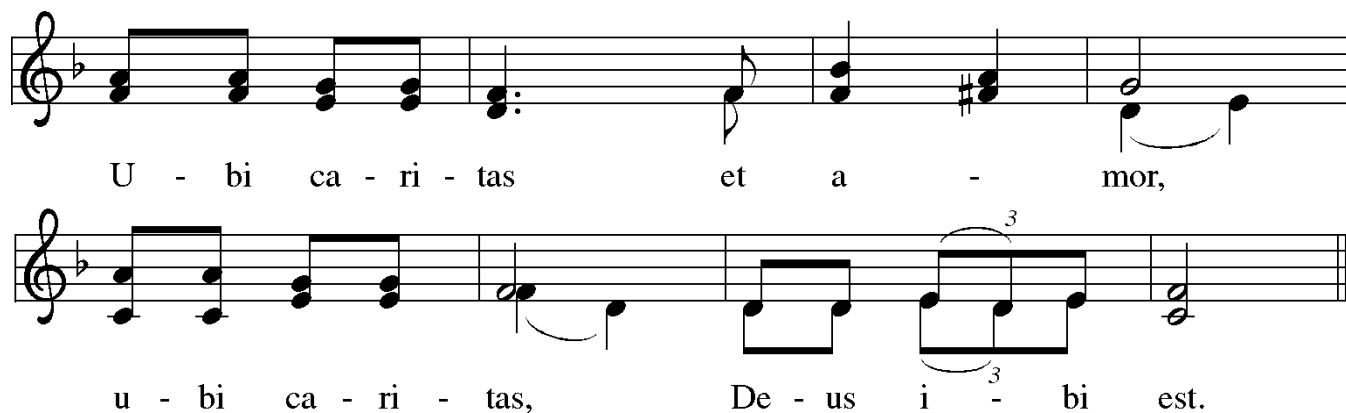
(Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there.)

L: We shall anoint the wanderers of earth, soothing the feet that know no rest;

All: and we shall anoint the pilgrims, blessing the feet that seek places of truth.

L: We shall anoint the refugees of earth, welcoming the feet that have no home;

All: and we shall anoint the adventurers, blessing the feet that blaze trails of hope.

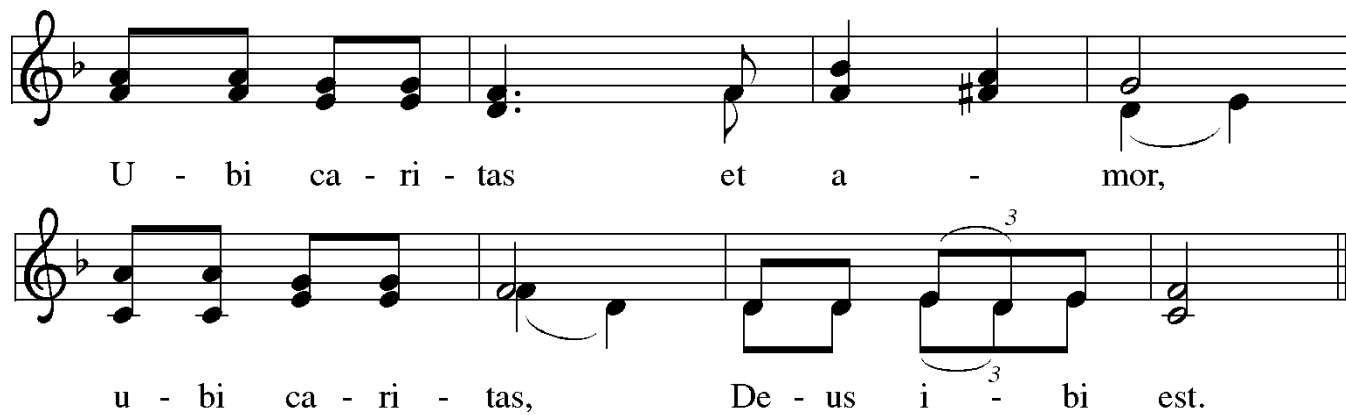


L: We shall anoint the stragglers of earth, inspiring the feet that have no passion;

All: and we shall anoint the rebels, blessing the feet that walk miles for justice.

L: We shall anoint the fugitives of earth, consoling the feet that find no help;

All: and we shall anoint the messengers, blessing the feet that bear words of peace.



L: O let the feet of Christ be anointed,

All: and let the world be filled with the fragrance! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Reader: Even at the final meal he would share with his disciples,
Jesus knew that God had given everything into his hands.

**All: Even in the face of impending death, Jesus knew that he
had come from God and was returning to God.**

Reader: Even in the presence of disciples who would betray and
deny him, he offered himself as a holy and living sacrifice.

**All: And so, in service and love, Jesus humbled himself by
washing the feet of his friends and disciples.**

Reader: Hear now this beautiful story of love.

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

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.”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Reader: Holy One, we give thanks for your word, spoken among us this day. Help us remember that through brokenness comes healing and new life, and through the waters of grace comes cleansing and rebirth.

All: **May these words be written upon our hearts and shared with the world, so all might come to know your love and grace. Amen.**

HYMN . . . *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

DRAMA . . . *“Is it I?”*



HOLY THURSDAY LITANY

L: Merciful Savior, we have traveled this long, dusty Lenten journey.

All: Our feet are tired, dirty, aching, and calloused.

L: You have shown us Your love by becoming a humble servant.

All: Humble us when we try to travel without You.

L: As Christ has washed us,

All: so let us wash one another.

L: Humble us when we believe some work is below us.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

L: Humble us when we are too proud to accept help, or care, or love.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

L: Humble us when we do not fully receive the gift of Your amazing and bountiful grace.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world. You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Blessed are you for this table. We pray for the hungry, those in need, the sick, and for those alienated from you. Answer their cries. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: May the God who calls the people out of Egypt call us out from our comfort and our safety

All: to embrace a journey of challenge and risk.

P: May the Redeemer who kneels and washes our feet call us out from our comfort and our safety

All: to embrace and serve those we meet on the journey

P: May the blessing of the Spirit who weaves dreams of a new community call us out from our comfort and our safety

All: to provide welcome and hospitality to strangers as well as friends.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

HYMN . . . “Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

HYMN . . . “Stay with Me”

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

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