

Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020

LETTER FROM FR AARON

Beloved Immanuel Anglican Church,

This has been a Lent like none other in our lifetimes. The deadly coronavirus has spread around the world bringing sickness, death and a screeching halt to life as we know it. Even if you're not physically or financially affected by this crisis, you are likely grappling with the loss of your normal community, rhythms and plans.

There was never a better time for Holy Week. For Jesus and his followers, Holy Week was anything but serene and normal! The final days and hours of his life were marked by uncertainty, danger, solemn prayers and sacred meals, betrayal, confusion, and death. And throughout history, the people of God have celebrated Holy Week in terrible circumstances: war, plague, famine, invasion of foreign armies, time of confusion and great pain.

This is the world Jesus came to save. This is the world Jesus came to heal! During the events of Holy Week, we enter the story of Jesus. We don't leave our problems of this life behind – we bring them with us, and we send them to the cross of Christ. And on Easter, we set all our hopes for wholeness and eternal life on the risen Christ.

Before us is the dawn of Easter, the promise of Heaven. Sooner or later, darkness will give way to light. Let us be ready for that dawn as we keep watch with Jesus in the final hours of his life. Receive the gift of Holy Week; it is a gift for such a time as this.

During Holy Week at Immanuel Anglican, we will journey with Jesus through the final days of his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. Each service has incredible moments where we can participate in the story. Join us for these online gatherings and use the resources on the following pages to follow along in your household throughout the week.

With love, Father Aaron

HOLY WEEK ONLINE GATHERINGS

April 5 | Palm Sunday Service | 10AM April 9 | Maundy Thursday | 7PM April 10 | Good Friday Service | 7PM April 11 | Easter Vigil Service* | 7PM April 12 | Easter Sunday | 10AM

GET READY FOR THE SERVICES

- Grab your Bibles and journals.
- Get the live stream ready on your largest, most central screen.
- Turn off devices (or silence notifications) on all devices you're not using for the service.
- Gather the items needed for the service.
- Optional: Print out coloring sheets for children in your household. (Find at immanuelanglican.org/holyweek)

RECEIVE PRAYER MINISTRY

While we are unable to gather in person, we want to extend the ministry of prayer to anyone who needs it during Holy Week. We will have time slots throughout the week when prayer ministers will be available to pray with you, one-on-one, over a Zoom call or the phone - you can find the list of slots on our Holy Week page: immanuelanglican.org/holyweek.

SHARE YOUR "HOLY WEEK AT HOME" WITH US!

If you post pictures and videos of your Holy Week celebrations, tag us (@chicagoanglican) or use hashtag #chicagoanglicanholyweek or e-mail them to jennifer@immanuelanglican.org

^{*}We will be joining the Diocese for the Easter Vigil: churchrez. org/holy-week-at-home.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Now that it's Maundy Thursday, we begin to see Jesus with different eyes. He is the Christ revealed to us in humility as the embodiment of God's love. Tonight we remember the final night of Jesus' life when he washed his disciples' feet, instituted the Last Supper, and told them, "A new commandment I give to you that you love one another."

Note: Traditionally, we have a service of foot-washing during our Maundy Thursday service. This year, during the "foot-washing" section of the service, we will have several minutes set apart to unite our hearts in prayer for our brothers and sisters, especially those we are unable to be physically present to right now. Many of us live alone, but if you live with others and would like to wash one another's feet during this time of prayer, we encourage you to do so - go ahead and gather the items below:

What you need for the foot washing:

- A container, bin, or bucket (large enough to fit your feet!)
- A towel or two

What to do:

- During the service, take turns following Jesus' example and washing each others' feet.

Other Ideas:

- Light a large candle at the beginning of the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Go to Dark Gethsemane



CELEBRANT: Blessed be our God.

PEOPLE: Now and for ever. Amen.

CELEBRANT: This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with

his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

Please stand.



The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lessons

READER: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

READER: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 14-20, 23-25

- ¹ Give ear, 0 my people, to my teaching; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

- things that we have heard and known, * that our fathers have told us.
- We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation *

the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

- ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, * and all the night with a fiery light.
- ¹⁵ He split rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- He made streams come out of the rock * and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
- ¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more against him, * rebelling against the Most High in the desert.
- They tested God in their heart *

 by demanding the food they craved.
- ¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying, *

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

²⁰ He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. *

Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?"

- Yet he commanded the skies above * and opened the doors of heaven.
- ²⁴ and he rained down on them manna to eat * and gave them the grain of heaven.
- ²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the angels; *
 he sent them food in abundance.

DEACON: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John,

PEOPLE: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 13:1-17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him. "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

"He Loved Them to the End"

-Will Eastham

The Washing of Feet

DEACON: 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."

PEOPLE: "Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave

with you; which the world cannot give, I give to you."

DEACON: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have

loved you."

PEOPLE: "Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave

with you; which the world cannot give, I give to you."

DEACON: "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That

you have love for one another."

Oh the Deep, Deep Love

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me Underneath me, all around me Is the current of Your love Leading onward, leading homeward To Your glorious rest above

Oh the deep, deep love All I need and trust Is the deep, deep love of Jesus Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Spread His praise from shore to shore How He came to pay our ransom Through the saving cross He bore How He watches o'er His loved ones Those He died to make His own How for them He's interceding Pleading now before the throne

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Far surpassing all the rest It's an ocean full of blessing In the midst of every test Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Mighty Savior, precious Friend You will bring us home to glory Where Your love will never end

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The Confession of Sin

DEACON: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against

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 heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow



Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

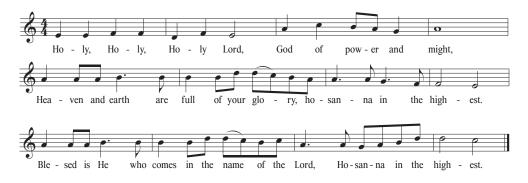
PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: ... therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels

and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



CELEBRANT: ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: ... 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.

ALL: Amen.

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

pray,

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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast!

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be Oh who am I that for my sake My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow But men made strange, and none that longed for Christ would know But oh my Friend, my Friend indeed Who at my need His life did spend

Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing Resounding all the day, hosannas to their King Then "Crucify!" is all their breath And for His death they thirst and cry

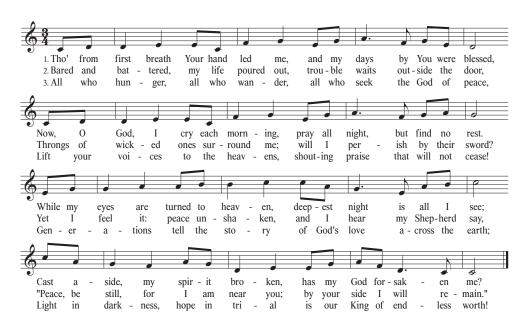
Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease, and 'gainst Him rise They rise and needs will have, my dear Lord made away A murderer they save; the Prince of Life they slay Yet cheerful He to suffering goes That He His foes from thence might free

In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb wherein He lay

Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine Never was love, dear King! never was grief like Thine This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22



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