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Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*

As part of worship this evening, you will be invited to clean a window in your apartment. You might have a saucer ready in which to put the plastic rainbows or anything else you have fixed on the window during Lent.

You may also choose to light a candle, making sure it's in a safe place.

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Opening Words

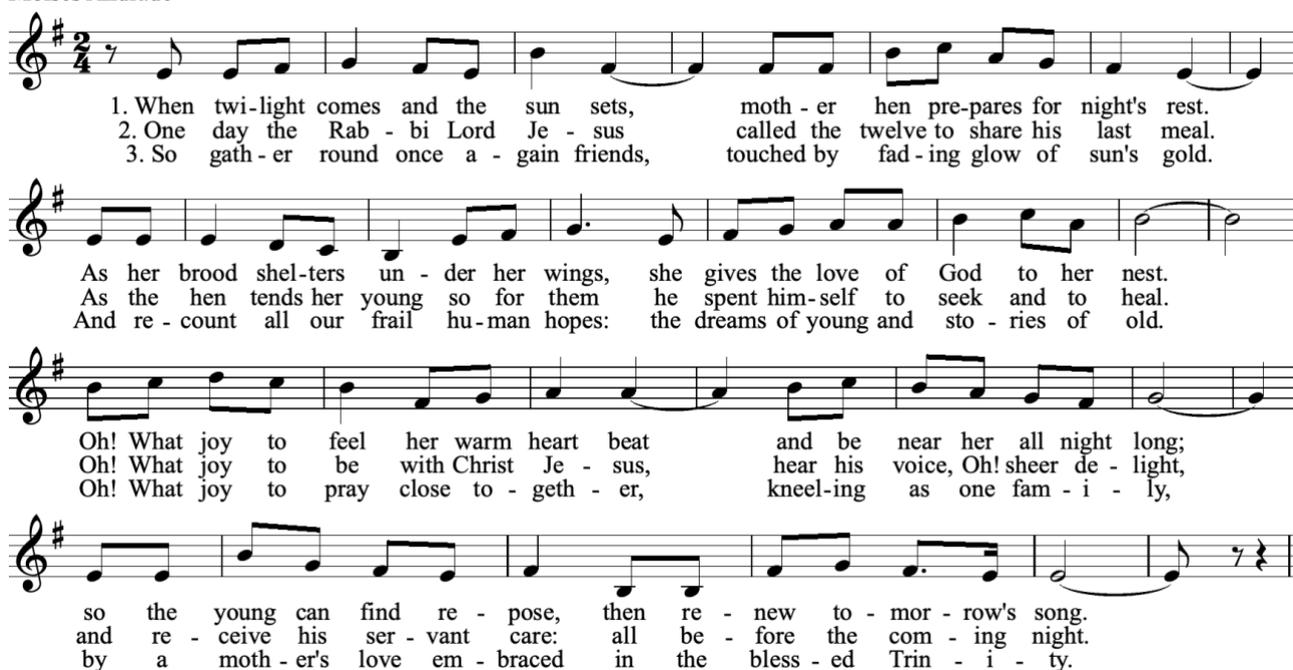
On this *Maundy* night, when commandments come not written on stone,
but with the soft caress of a fresh towel,
we wait together for love, with love,
even though we cannot yet meet, cannot kneel at each other's feet.
Still the window's dying sunlight pulls us into a sacred space,
in which forgiveness and compassion work their renewing grace,
and we find ourselves embraced in the Blessed Trinity,
one God, now and forever.

Hymn

When twilight comes

Moises Andrade

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines



1. When twi-ght comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for night's rest.
2. One day the Rab - bi Lord Je - sus called the twelve to share his last meal.
3. So gath - er round once a - gain friends, touched by fad - ing glow of sun's gold.

As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest.
As the hen tends her young so for them he spent him-self to seek and to heal.
And re - count all our frail hu-man hopes: the dreams of young and sto - ries of old.

Oh! What joy to feel her warm heart beat and be near her all night long;
Oh! What joy to be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, Oh! sheer de - light,
Oh! What joy to pray close to - geth - er, kneel-ing as one fam - i - ly,

so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.
and re - ceive his ser - vant care: all be - fore the com - ing night.
by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

silence

Sung Response

Wybacz nam, Panie

Poland



Wy - bacz nam, Pa - nie, ze - ślij świa - łość Two - ją.
For - give us, Lord, send your light up - on us.

Source, World Day of Prayer 2005.

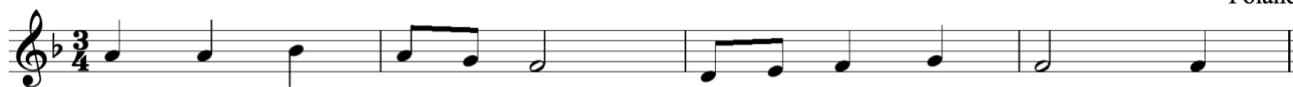
God of power,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our strength.

silence

Sung Response

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Poland



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For - give us, Lord, send your light up - on us.

Source, World Day of Prayer 2005.

God of all wisdom,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our mind.

silence

Sung Response

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Poland



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For - give us, Lord, send your light up - on us.

Source, World Day of Prayer 2005.

Gracious God,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our will.

silence

Sung Response

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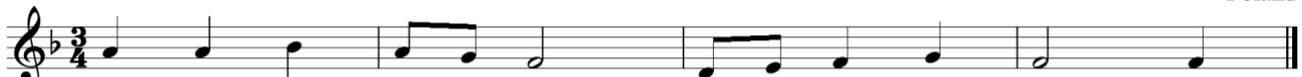
Reconciling God,
we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

silence

Sung Response

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Source, World Day of Prayer 2005.

Holy God,
we confess that we have not loved as you love.

silence

Sung Response

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Poland



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Words of Grace

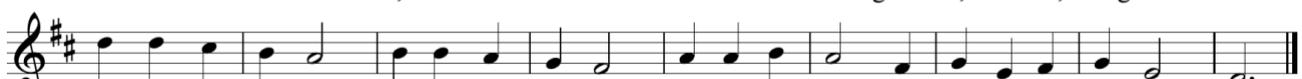
Hymn of Praise

Aby nás Pán Bůh miloval

Czech folk song



A - by nás Pán Bůh mi - lo - val, mi - lo - val, hří chy od - pu - stil ne - be dal, ne - be dal,
Great is God's love for us, such a - bun-dant love. Sins are for - giv - en, heav-en, the gift a - bove.



nic ne - zá dá - me je - nom to sa - mé, a - by nás Pán Bůh mi - lo - val, mi - lo - val.
No-thing else need-ed, love is what's heed-ed. Great is God's love for us, such a - bun-dant love.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response

Lumière de Dieu

Communauté de Grandchamp: Switzerland



Lu - miè - re de Dieu, in - on - de la ter - re, vi - si - te nos cœurs et de-meure a - vec nous.
 Come light, light of God, give light to cre - a - tion, en-light - en our hearts and re - main with your world.

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Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel according to John, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Tom Colvin: UK

Ghana folk song; arranged by Tom Colvin

Refrain D D/F# Em⁶ A⁷ D D/F# G A⁷ D *Fine*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and white,
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are slaves,
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet,

Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we should live with you.
 this is the way we should live with you.

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Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

God, fill our lives to overflowing

Gently John Bell: Scotland

God, fill our lives to o - ver - flow - ing, and give us grace to share

all that we are and are be - com - ing shaped by your care.

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending

from Psalm 22

Antiphon **My God, my God, why, why, have you forsaken me?**

Fridolin Ukur: Indonesia

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines

Tu - han - ku, Tu - han - ku me - Dnga - pa kau - ting - gal - kan a - ku?
 My God, my God, why, why, have you for - sa - ken me?

My God, my God, why, why, have you for - sa - ken me?

My God, my God, why, why, why why have you for - sa - ken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
 and by night, but find no rest.
 Yet you are holy,
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.
 In you our ancestors trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
 To you they cried, and were saved;
 in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

Antiphon **My God, my God, why, why, have you forsaken me?**

But I am a worm, and not human;
 scorned by others, and despised by the people.
 All who see me mock at me;
 they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
 "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
 let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
 you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
 On you I was cast from my birth,
 and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
 Do not be far from me,
 for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Antiphon **My God, my God, why, why, have you forsaken me?**

Many bulls encircle me,
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
 they open wide their mouths at me,
 like a ravening and roaring lion.
 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;
 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.
 For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled;
 I can count all my bones.
 They stare and gloat over me;
 they divide my clothes among themselves,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.
 But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
 O my help, come quickly to my aid!

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Thank you to those assisting with leadership in today’s worship service:

Reader: Gillian Wolfe-Tsuchiya

Prayers: André du Plessis

Liturgist: Terry MacArthur

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Videography: Ray Woodcock

Musicians: Rena Igarashi, Regine Kummer, Koko Taylor

This Week’s Schedule: *

Friday, 2 April		Good Friday prayer at the church (various times) Online worship (on your own)
Saturday, 3 April	18h00	Easter Vigil, Croix de Rozon
	20h30	Easter Vigil, Croix de Rozon
		Online worship (on your own)
Sunday, 4 April	11h00	Worship on Easter Sunday (online)
	12h15	Coffee hour
<i>Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9h00–17h00; Fridays, noon–16h00</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Good Friday, 2 April – There will be two options for worship on Good Friday.

- **Option 1:** The church building will be open for a portion of the afternoon/evening for people to come in small groups and visit several prayer stations recalling the events of Good Friday. Sign up [here](#).
- **Option 2:** Materials will be available online for a self-guided time of listening to the passion narrative from the Gospel of Mark with prompts for prayer and reflection throughout.

Easter Vigil, 3 April – There will be two options for worship on Holy Saturday.

- **Option 1:** We will hold an outdoor Easter Vigil at a farm in [Croix de Rozon](#). We’ll gather around a bonfire in the field and hear stories of God bringing light from darkness and life from death. Sign up [here](#).
- **Option 2:** For those unable to join the in-person service (or for everyone if the weather is bad), there will be an Easter Vigil audio recording available, featuring music, prayers, and members of the congregation reading biblical texts for this night.

Easter Sunday, 4 April – Worship this Sunday will be livestreamed from the sanctuary at 11h00.

Registration is required for all in-person gatherings. More information [here](#).