

## Maundy Thursday

### John 7:37-53

- 37 On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.
- 38 Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'"
- 39 He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- 40 Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet."
- 41 Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he?"
- 42 Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?"
- 43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of him.
- 44 Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.
- 45 So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"
- 46 The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one."
- 47 So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived?"
- 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?"
- 49 But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed."
- 50 Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them,
- 51 "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?"
- 52 They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

### Exodus 12:1-11

- 1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
- 2 This month will stand at the head of your calendar; you will reckon it the first month of the year.
- 3 Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every family must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household.
- 4 If a household is too small for a lamb, it along with its nearest neighbor will procure one, and apportion the lamb's cost in proportion to the number of persons, according to what each household consumes.
- 5 Your lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats.
- 6 You will keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole community of Israel assembled, it will be slaughtered during the evening twilight.

- 7 They will take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- 8 They will consume its meat that same night, eating it roasted with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or even boiled in water, but roasted, with its head and shanks and inner organs.
- 10 You must not keep any of it beyond the morning; whatever is left over in the morning must be burned up.
- 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you will eat it in a hurry. It is the LORD's Passover.

### **Leviticus 16:3-10**

- 3 Only in this way may Aaron enter the inner sanctuary. He shall bring a bull of the herd for a purification offering and a ram for a burnt offering.
- 4 He shall wear the sacred linen tunic, with the linen pants underneath, gird himself with the linen sash and put on the linen turban. But since these vestments are sacred, he shall not put them on until he has first bathed his body in water.
- 5 From the Israelite community he shall receive two male goats for a purification offering and one ram for a burnt offering.
- 6 Aaron shall offer the bull, his purification offering, to make atonement for himself and for his household.
- 7 Taking the two male goats and setting them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting,
- 8 he shall cast lots to determine which one is for the LORD and which for Azazel.
- 9 The goat that is determined by lot for the LORD, Aaron shall present and offer up as a purification offering.
- 10 But the goat determined by lot for Azazel he shall place before the LORD alive, so that with it he may make atonement by sending it off to Azazel in the desert.

### **Proverbs 1:10-19**

- 10 My son, should sinners entice you,
- 11 do not go if they say, "Come along with us! Let us lie in wait for blood, unprovoked, let us trap the innocent;
- 12 Let us swallow them alive, like Sheol, whole, like those who go down to the pit!
- 13 All kinds of precious wealth shall we gain, we shall fill our houses with booty;
- 14 Cast in your lot with us, we shall all have one purse!"
- 15 My son, do not walk in the way with them, hold back your foot from their path!
- 16 [For their feet run to evil, they hasten to shed blood.]
- 17 In vain a net is spread right under the eyes of any bird—
- 18 They lie in wait for their own blood, they set a trap for their own lives.
- 19 This is the way of everyone greedy for loot: it takes away their lives.

### **Isaiah 24:16-23**

- 16 From the end of the earth we hear songs: "Splendor to the Just One!" But I said, "I am wasted, wasted away. Woe is me! The traitors betray; with treachery have the traitors betrayed!
- 17 Terror, pit, and trap for you, inhabitant of the earth!
- 18 One who flees at the sound of terror will fall into the pit; one who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the trap. For the windows on high are open and the foundations of the earth shake.
- 19 The earth will burst asunder, the earth will be shaken apart, the earth will be convulsed.
- 20 The earth will reel like a drunkard, sway like a hut; Its rebellion will weigh it down; it will fall, never to rise again."
- 21 On that day the LORD will punish the host of the heavens in the heavens, and the kings of the earth on the earth.
- 22 They will be gathered together like prisoners into a pit; They will be shut up in a dungeon, and after many days they will be punished.
- 23 Then the moon will blush and the sun will be ashamed, for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, glorious in the sight of the elders.

### **Revelations 19:5-16**

- 5 A voice coming from the throne said: "Praise our God, all you his servants, [and] you who revere him, small and great."
- 6 Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder, as they said: "Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, [our] God, the almighty.
- 7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready.
- 8 She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment." (The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)
- 9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These words are true; they come from God."
- 10 I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers who bear witness to Jesus. Worship God. Witness to Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
- 11 Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was [called] "Faithful and True." He judges and wages war in righteousness.
- 12 His eyes were [like] a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except himself.
- 13 He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God.
- 14 The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen.

- 15 Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he himself will tread out in the wine press the wine of the fury and wrath of God the almighty.
- 16 He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-34**

- 23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread,
- 24 and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- 25 In the same way also 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."
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.
- 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28 A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup.
- 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
- 30 That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying.
- 31 If we discerned ourselves, we would not be under judgment;
- 32 but since we are judged by [the] Lord, we are being disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.
- 33 Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
- 34 If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that your meetings may not result in judgment. The other matters I shall set in order when I come.

### **Luke 22:14-30**

- 14 When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles.
- 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."
- 17 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
- 19 Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."
- 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.
- 21 "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table;
- 22 for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed."

23 And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.  
24 Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as  
the greatest.  
25 He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over  
them are addressed as 'Benefactors';  
26 but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest,  
and the leader as the servant.  
27 For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one  
seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves.  
28 It is you who have stood by me in my trials;  
29 and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me,  
30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging  
the twelve tribes of Israel.