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Bulletin for Maundy Thursday

**HYMNS:** 85 49 84 292 320 57 Part 1

**INTROIT:** What shall I repay to the LORD for all the good that He has done to me?

I shall lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD.

I shall fulfil my vows to the LORD, right in the presence of all His people.

The death of His faithful people is precious in the sight of the LORD.

O LORD, I am indeed Your servant. I am Your servant, the son of Your maid-servant. You have undone the chains on my feet.

I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to You, and I shall call on the name of the LORD.

I shall fulfil my vows to the LORD, right in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in the middle of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116:12-19

**COLLECT:** O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper has always been seen as a sign of unity between those who commune together at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:17). When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper in a church body that has a confession of faith, they thereby declare that they believe that they are one in faith with those who commune with them. Since people cannot honestly hold two differing confessions at the same time, they cannot honestly commune with those whose confession is in conflict with their own. If any do this nevertheless, they deny their own confession, and so deny Christ Himself (2 Cor. 6:14-18). **We ask visitors who are communicant members in a church not in fellowship with the AELC, or are not familiar with the AELC Statement of Faith, to refrain from communing tonight. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after service.**

**READINGS** Exodus 12:1-14 The Passover of the LORD.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

**SERMON:** Hebrews 8:6-13 Jesus our great High Priest is the Mediator of the new Covenant

<sup>6</sup> However, now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, to the degree that He is also the Mediator of a better Covenant, which has been enacted on the basis of better promises. <sup>7</sup> For, if that first Covenant had been without fault, no occasion would be sought for a second Covenant. <sup>8</sup> For God is finding fault with the people when He says: "Look! The days are coming," says the Lord, 'when I shall establish a new Covenant for the family of Israel and the family of Judah. <sup>9</sup> It will not be like the Covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by their hands to lead them out the land of Egypt, because they did not abide by My Covenant. So I have disregarded them,' says the Lord. <sup>10</sup> 'For this is the Covenant that I shall make with the family of Israel after those days,' says the Lord: 'I shall put My Laws into their minds and I shall write them on their hearts, and I shall be their God, and they will be My people. <sup>11</sup> Each one will certainly not teach his fellow citizen and each one will certainly not teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord!" For they will all know Me from the least to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup> For I shall be merciful toward their iniquities and I shall certainly not remember their sins any more.'" <sup>13</sup> By calling the Covenant "new," He has made the first Covenant "old." Moreover, what is becoming obsolete and is growing old is at the point of disappearing.

*Welcome to all with us today! May God bless our worship of Him by His serving of us!*

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**Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.**

## COMING SERVICES

<b>30 March Good Friday</b>	<b>1 April Easter Sunday</b>
8.30am TMBA HC	8.30am OAK HC
8.30am OAK LR	8.30am TMBA LR
9.00am GRN LR	9.30am AUB LR
10.30am AUB HC	10.00am GRN HC