

Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

The Prelude

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

arr. Edward Broughton

The Welcome and Invitation

The Call To Worship

On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself
into the hands of those who would slay him.

**On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room,
taking a towel and washing the feet of his disciples.**

On this day, Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast and a new commandment:

That we love one another, just as Christ loved us.

*Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

REFRAIN: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. REFRAIN

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. REFRAIN

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. We refuse your love. We withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Having loved his own, Jesus loved them to the end.

We give thanks for God's amazing grace through Jesus Christ. In him, we are given the chance to begin again.

*Sung Response Hymn 227 *Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: The First Passover Instituted

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Epistle Reading: The Institution of the Lord's Supper

First Corinthians 11:23-26

Choral Anthem

Abba

Craig Courtney/Susan Boersma

Abba, Abba, Like a whisper on the wind I hear my name. In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.

Your disciples gathered with You do not hear, Yet the whisper of my name has reached my ear.

I am here, my Son, here in the upper room. I hear the water gently splash,

I see the Servant King attending to His friends.

Here I am, here in the upper room. But as You serve the bread and wine,

The broken body and the blood are Yours alone.

Abba, Abba, Like a whisper on the wind I hear my name. In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.

With a whisper that is heard by God alone. My only Son begins His painful journey home.

The Gospel Reading: *John 13:1-11*

Meditation

Blessed Feet

Kim Clayton

*Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

*Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.*

*Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.*

*When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Communion

The Prayer After Communion

The First Reading: *John 13:12-20*

Silence is kept

The Second Reading: *John 13:21-27*

Silence is kept

The Third Reading: *John 13:28-30*

Silence is kept

Choral Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus

Craig Courtney

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?

By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!

I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;

Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee, I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,

Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving. Ah, holy Jesus.

The Fourth Reading: *John 13:31-35*

Silence is kept

The Fifth Reading: *John 13:36-38*

Silence is kept

*Hymn 221

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;

now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:

mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;

look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,

*for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

*Charge to the Congregation

Depart in Silence

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton

Liturgists: Coy Franklin, Brittany Harvey, and Jen Rowe

Choirmasters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Elevator Assistant: James Lockett

Sanctuary Guild: Marsha Lockett

Elders: John Howe, Lynn Simms

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