



Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 2021

7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus celebrated the Passover in the upper room in Jerusalem, the night before his crucifixion. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatum” which means “commandment.” It refers to the command Jesus gave to his disciples that evening:

“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.”

John 13:34-35

The Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

*Call to Worship

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

People: This is the night that Christ gathered his disciples in the Upper Room.

Leader: This is the night that Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet,

People: giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

Leader: This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

People: that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and share in his resurrection and at the last day may join with all the saints in joy.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Happy are all who take refuge in Christ.

All: Let us bring our praise to God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus, we worship you and offer you now the prayers of our hearts. Help us to enter the spirit of the Upper Room that we may be confronted by your presence and the depth of your love for us. Then prepare our hearts to be fed at your holy table that we may be bound to you in your suffering, that we may be raised with you into new life. AMEN.

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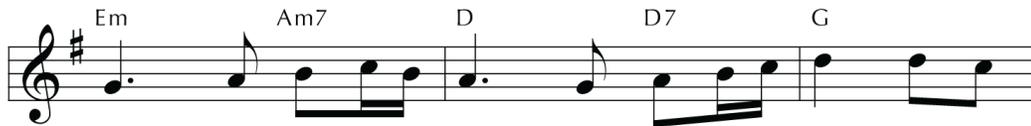
***Hymn**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Preparing our Hearts to Receive God's Word

Invitation to Confession

Courtney Steininger

***Prayers of Confession and Repentance**

Leader: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: **We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

People: **Our self-indulgent ways and our exploitation of other people,**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

People: **Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

People: **Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

People: **Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,**

Leader: We confess to you, O God.

People: **For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our participation and systems of racism, materialism, and contempt toward those who differ from us,**

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God.

People: **For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,**

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God.

People: **Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.**

Leader: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

People: **Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,**

Leader: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

People: **By the cross and passion of our Savior,**

All: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel: "God love is proven for us in while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Therefore, people of God, we are assured that our sins are forgiven, that we are given new life in Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

(Please greet one another with a sign of the peace of Christ.)

The Proclamation of God's Word

Epistle Lesson - I Corinthians 11:23-26

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, 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.

***Anthem**

Bread of the World

John Abdenour

Lisa Flanagan, soloist

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Gospel Lesson - John 13:1-17

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.

Sermon

“Traditions at the Table...”

The Rev. Scott Herr

Responding to God’s Word

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122/10

Johannes Brahms

Invitation to The Lord’s Table

Courtney Steininger

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Minister: May the God of last suppers be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Open your hearts to God this night.

People: We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.

Leader: In the midst of uncertainty and fear, we will praise God.

People: Thanks to the One who walks and waits with us through long, dark nights.

Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The words of institution are spoken here.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Courtney Steininger

We thank you, O God, for the Bread that gives us life and the Cup that slakes our thirst for justice and fills us with grace. So nourished, send us on our journey of discipleship to serve you and your children. Amen.

The Washing

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The Sending

*Hymn

Go To Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Solo

Were You There?

All may leave in silence after a period of meditation.

Those participating in tonight's service:

Director of Music and Arts: Victoria Shields

Musician: Lisa Flanagan

Usher: Jen Van de Graaf

Greeter: Steve Van de Graaf

Communion Officer: Armin Thies

Director of Children's and Youth Ministries: Courtney Steininger

Pastors:

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr

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Good Friday • April 2nd at 7:30 pm

Service of Tenebrae

featuring

Franz Joseph Haydn's *Seven Last Words of Christ*

Presented by the New York Classical Quartet



Join us for the solemn service of Tenebrae on Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 pm. Interspersed with the readings of Christ's seven last words on the cross will be Haydn's famous *Seven Last Words of Christ*. Originally written for the underground grotto of the Oratorio de la Santa Cueva in Cadiz Spain, the work is comprised of musical reflections on each of the readings traditionally read on Good Friday. The New York Classical Quartet will present the work in its original form for string quartet as commissioned by the Brotherhood of Santa Cueva for a Good Friday service in 1787. We hope you join us in-person or on LocalLive for this intimate service of remembrance.



Easter Sunday – April 4

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Rev. Dr. Scott Herr preaching

10:00 AM Service with Holy Communion

Featuring festive music with brass quintet and small vocal ensemble.