



Maundy Thursday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



IN PREPARATION

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood:
Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal, the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Maundy is derived from the Latin "mandatum," meaning "command," and referring to the new commandment Jesus gave the disciples as He washed their feet—to "love one another as I have loved you."

OPENING HYMN

“There Is A Fountain”

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

Words: William Cowper. Music: Traditional American melody;
arr. by Lowell Mason.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

—Hebrews 9:22

ALL: *O most mighty God, and merciful Father,
who has compassion upon all men,
and who desires not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved;
Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us,
who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.
Your property is always to have mercy;
therefore, from you alone comes the forgiveness of sins.
Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare your people,
whom you have redeemed;
enter not into judgment with your servants;
but so turn your anger from us,
who meekly acknowledge our transgressions,
and truly repent of our faults,
and so make haste to help us in this world,
that we may ever live with you in the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you.

—Exodus 12:13

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GOD WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

INVITATION

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right to do so.*

Pastor: It is very meet, right, and our gospel duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify your glorious Name;
evermore praising you, and saying,

ALL: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord Most High.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Mark 14:22-25

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

ALL: *We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body and our souls washed through His most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.*

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, and the server will provide it accordingly.*

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns Thine only crown:
How pale thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn?

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,
Vouchsafe 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.

Words: Bernard of Clarivauz, 1091-1153; tr. By Paul Gerhardt, 1656; tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830. Music: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. by J.S. Bach, 1729.

“Hallelujah, What a Savior”

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“Full atonement!” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in Heav’n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1875, alt.

THIRD READING

John 13:1-20

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

FOURTH READING

John 13:21-30

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.

²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

CHORAL MEDITATION

"Lord, Do You Wash My Feet?"

A discourse between Jesus, Peter, and the disciples (from John 13)

Lord, do you wash my feet?

"That which I do now you will soon understand."

Never shall You wash my feet!

"If I do not wash you, you'll have no part with me."

Then Lord, my feet! My hands! My head!

"He who has bathed needeth only wash his feet, but is completely clean"

"Peter, you are clean, but not all of you."

Who, Lord? Who is it?

"I know the ones I've chosen, that the Word may be fulfilled."

Lord, who is it?

"He who eats my bread has lifted his heel against me."

(Lord, who? Tell us! Lord, who? Tell us!)

"Truly I say that one of you will betray me."

"Judas, you may go. And what you do, do it quickly."

(Where are you going? Lord, where are you going?)

"Little children, I am with you a little longer..."

"Where I go you cannot follow."

I will lay down my life for you

"Truly I say to you, you'll deny me three times."

Where are you going? Lord, where are you going?

Words: John 13. Music: Rick Barnes, 2017; Soloist, Liz Richardson.

SILENT DISMISSAL

*When the music has concluded, the congregation
will exit the Sanctuary in silence.*