

Maundy Thursday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Teaching a modern worker to receive (at the Lord's Table) is a more difficult challenge than one might initially suspect. After a long week of striving and scratching in the marketplace for every economic fruit that one can, the worker enters the sanctuary. Now the worker is told that they can do nothing. After a week of striving, they are being told to stop, to rest, and to receive. The transition is jarring. At this strange Table there is nothing they can do to earn these fruits.

—*Work and Worship*, M. Kaemingk & Cory Willson

Though there will be but one traitor, they will all be deserters.

—Matthew Henry on Matthew 26:31-35

Without a doubt, the breaking of believers draws us closer to Him, sending us to the Fountain of Grace as unworthy recipients of our Savior's redeeming work. For most of us, brokenness is not a moment, but a process—a distinct series of events that God uses to break us of self-reliance and self-absorption. The Apostle Peter is a powerful example of this process.

—Harry Reeder

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 1, 2021 | 7:00 PM

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

*ALL: Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.*

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

*ALL: He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

ALL: His praise endures forever!

HYMN OF HOPE

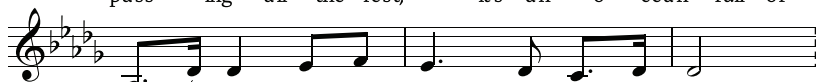
"O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"



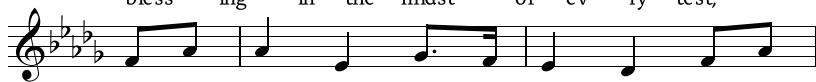
1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un -
 2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His
 3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur -



meas - ured, bound less free; roll - ing as a might - y
 praise from shore to shore; how He came to pay our
 pass - ing all the rest; it's an o - cean full of



o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me;
 ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
 bless - ing in the midst of ev - 'ry test;



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me is the
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He
 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y



cur - rent of Your love; lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing
 died to make His own; how for them He's in - ter -
 Sav - ior, pre - cious Friend; You will bring us home to



home ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove. _____
 ced - ing, plead ing now be - fore the throne. _____
 glo - ry, where Your love will nev - er end. _____



Oh the deep, deep love; all I need and trust



is the deep, deep love _____ of Je - sus. _____

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Exodus 15:1-18

After the Exodus, just after the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry ground:

Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

¹I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

- ¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”
- ¹²You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.
- ¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people
whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- ¹⁴The peoples have heard; they tremble;
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- ¹⁵Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- ¹⁶Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.
- ¹⁷You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.
- ¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch a treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart—
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 25:1-12

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
⁵like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

¹⁰For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,
and Moab shall be trampled down in his place,
as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.

¹¹And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it
as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim,
but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride
together with the skill of his hands.

¹²And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down,
lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PEACE

"Shalom"

Rachel Barlotta and Daniel Smith, duet

Peace, peace, shalom;
Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you;
Peace, peace, shalom;
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
Peace, peace, shalom, shalom;
My peace I give to you, shalom, shalom, shalom,
Shalom.
My peace I give to you;
Peace, peace, shalom.

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you;
Peace, peace, shalom;
Not as this world gives I give to you,
Do not be afraid,
Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom,
Shalom, shalom I give to you.
Peace, peace,
Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom
I give to you.
Peace, peace, peace,
Shalom.

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 26:26-35

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Grant us a holy grief that honors you.
Move us to genuine repentance for your Name's sake.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

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

APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ His Only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven;
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting.
Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. An usher will prompt each pew when it is time to come forward to receive the bread and the cup, and then you will return to your seat. If you are not communing but would like to participate, please come forward and cross your hands in front of your chest, and the one serving communion will pray a brief prayer for you or pronounce a blessing over you.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Words of Institution

from Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

*We come to your Table, Lord Jesus,
not trusting in our own righteousness, but in your rich mercies.
We are not worthy, O Great King, to gather up the crumbs under your Table,
yet you are the King of mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
in this breaking of bread, a rich participation in your body,
and in this cup, a stronger grasp of your grace,
that by your Spirit, we may commune with you
and you with us. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Chorus)

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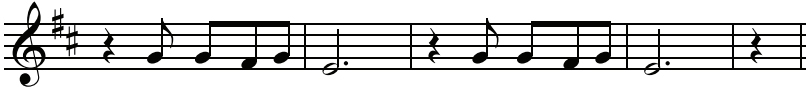
"Psalm 126"



1.Our mouths they were filled, filled_ with laugh- ter,____
2.The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"_



our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy;
The na - tions will sing songs of joy;



Re-store us, O Lord, re-store us, O Lord.

Chorus:



Al-though we are weep- ing,____ Lord, help us keep sow- ing____



the seeds of Your King dom,____ for the day You will reap__ them._



Your sheaves we will car- ry;____ Lord, please do not tar- ry.____



All those who sow weep- ing will go out with songs of____ joy.

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