

Maundy Thursday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019

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."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Josh Johnson

from Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice
and my pleas for mercy.

*Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

*I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,*

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

*In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!*

HYMN OF CHRIST

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

Words Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925. Music: BUNESSEAN, Thomas John Williams, 1890.

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Joe Strickland

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE CROSS

“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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 13:1-17

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

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

Prayer of Confession

*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.*

Assurance of Pardon

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, when I strike the land of Egypt.

—Exodus 12:13

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.

Apostle's 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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Congregational Response

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe!
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow!*

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

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 commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

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

HYMN FOR THE EUCHARIST

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

“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 GOSPELS

John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION IN SONG

“Dark Gethsemane”

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r,
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

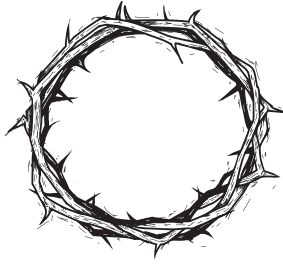
Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God’s own sacrifice complete!
“It is finished!” hear Him cry.
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery, 1853. Music: Lloyd Larson, incorporating
HERZLIEBSTER JESU by Johann Cruger, 1640.

SILENT DISMISSAL

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



HOLY WEEK *at* COVENANT

We invite you to join us in worship as we reflect on the Passion of our Lord and celebrate his Resurrection. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

12:00 noon

in the Sanctuary

(nursery provided for infants to age 5)

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EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

Sunrise Service | 6:15 am

at Vulcan Park

Pancake Breakfast | 7:00 am

in the Fellowship Hall

Gathered Worship | 8:00 & 10:00 am

in the Sanctuary

(there will be no Sunday School)