

# Maundy Thursday Service

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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."

Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

# **CHORAL MEDITATION**

"Depth Of Mercy"

Chancel Choir

Depth of mercy!
Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear
Me the "Chief of Sinners," spare?
The "Chief of Sinners" spare?

There for me the Savior stands Holding forth His wounded hands God is love! I know, I feel Jesus weeps and loves me still, Jesus weeps and loves me still

He loves me still...

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#### READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH

Exodus 13:1-22

Yahweh said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." 3Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. 5 And when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Yahweh. 7Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. 8 You shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what Yahweh did for me when I came out of Egypt.' 9And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Yahweh may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year. 11"When Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, 12 you shall set apart to Yahweh all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be Yahweh's. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14 And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand Yahweh brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 15 For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, Yahweh killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to Yahweh all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' 16 It shall be as a

mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand Yahweh brought us out of Egypt." 17When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. 19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." 20 And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And Yahweh went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

"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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But this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom.

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#### READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 43:1-21

But now thus says Yahweh, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am Yahweh your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south. Do not withhold: bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble.
Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true.

10"You are my witnesses," declares Yahweh,
 "and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
 and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
 nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am Yahweh,
 and besides me there is no savior.
12 I declared and saved and proclaimed,
 when there was no strange god among you;
 and you are my witnesses," declares Yahweh, "and I am God.
13 Also henceforth I am he;
 there is none who can deliver from my hand;

14Thus says Yahweh,
 your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
 "For your sake I send to Babylon
 and bring them all down as fugitives,
 even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.
 15I am Yahweh, your Holy One,
 the Creator of Israel, your King."

I work, and who can turn it back?"

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

Twho brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,

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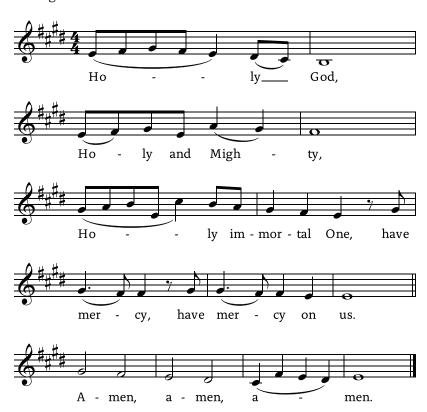
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for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

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# **◯** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Trisagion"



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John 13:1-20; 31-35

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. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus 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!" 10 Jesus 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." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 When 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 I 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.' 19 I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.

# HOMILY


# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Congregation, please read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

# **Words of Institution**

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

# Confession of Faith: The 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.

# 14 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 partaking of these elements but would like to come forward with your fellow worshipers, please 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.

# **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.

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, twice)

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1876.



All those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of\_\_\_\_ joy.

Words: from Psalm 126. Music: Isaac Wardell.

# **CHORAL MEDITATION**

"God So Loved the World" Chancel Choir

God so loved the world, so loved the world, God so loved the world, so loved the world That He gave His only begotten son That who so believeth, believeth in Him Should not perish but have everlasting life, Everlasting, everlasting life.

God so loved the world, So loved the world.

Words: John 3:16. Music: Bob Chilcott.

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