

## Maundy Thursday • March 28, 2024

### Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

#### **G**ATHERING

God of love, thank you for knowing us fully and loving us to the end. On this night of the Christian year especially, I am grateful to be part of the community of Jesus' disciples. In evening's rest, I remember that, for Jesus, no rest would come this night or tomorrow. Yet, in forgiveness and love, he is with us always: the light shining in the darkness. In His name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Prelude Ubi Caritas M. Biery

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us a towel, a bowl, bread, and a cup.

He gives us an example and a commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

This is how everyone will know we are His disciples,

when we love each other.

\* Hymn 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Maundy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Hymn 551)

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

#### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (NRSV)

OT pg. 564

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

ANTHEM

Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus

U.S. Moore

Rebecca Ruescher, soprano

Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus? Anybody here that loves my Lord? I want to know, do you love my Jesus? I want to know, do you love my Lord? Although you see me goin' along so, I have my trials here below. This world's a wilderness of woe; so let us all to glory go. Is there anybody here, I want to know, do you love my Lord?

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV) NT pg. 107

MEDITATION Rev. Mark Hults

#### RESPONDING

#### \* Affirmation of Faith

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; on 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.

#### **OFFERING**

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

#### Pange lingua gloriasum Rebecca Ruescher, soprano

St. Thomas Aquinas

Pange, lingua, gloriósi Córporis mystérium, Sanguinísque pretiósi, Quem in mundi prétium Fructus ventris generósi Rex effúdit géntium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus Ex intácta Vírgine, Et in mundo conversátus, Sparso verbi sémine, Sui moras incolátus Miro clausit órdine.

In suprémæ nocte coenæ Recúmbens cum frátribus Observáta lege plene Cibis in legálibus, Cibum turbæ duodénæ Se dat suis mánibus.

Verbum caro, panem verum Verbo carnem éfficit: Fitque sanguis Christi merum, Et si sensus déficit, Ad firmándum cor sincérum Sola fides súfficit.

Tantum ergo sacraméntum Venerémur cérnui: Et antíquum documéntum Novo cedat rítui: Præstet fides suppleméntum Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et jubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedíctio: Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. Amen. Alleluja. Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory, Of His Flesh, the mystery sing; Of the Blood, all price exceeding, Shed by our Immortal King, Destined, for the world's redemption, From a noble Womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin Born for us on earth below, He, as Man, with man conversing, Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow; Then He closed in solemn order Wondrously His Life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper, Seated with His chosen band, He, the Paschal Victim eating, First fulfils the Law's command; Then as Food to all his brethren Gives Himself with His own Hand.

Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature By His Word to Flesh He turns; Wine into His Blood He changes: What though sense no change discerns. Only be the heart in earnest, Faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling, Lo, the sacred Host we hail, Lo, o'er ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail: Faith for all defects supplying, When the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father And the Son who comes on high With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen. Alleluia. \* Doxology Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Invitation to the Table

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

#### **S**ENDING

\* Hymn 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76

\* BENEDICTION

Please depart in peace and silence.

#### THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

ELDER ON DUTY: Sarah Whitfield

Ushers: Paul Bennett, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner, Sarah Whitfield

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM: Dink Henderson, John Rayl

All of Holy Week points toward the passion — the death and resurrection of Christ. We are provided with an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter. Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by engaging in each step of this week's journey.

On Palm Sunday we celebrated the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem ... and then turned with him to face the cross, where he gave his life for us and our salvation. Tonight we keep the feast that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and we remember his new commandment to love one another even as he has loved us.

#### Holy Week

March 29 • Good Friday Worship • 6:30 p.m.

March 30 • Easter Egg Hunt • 10 a.m.

March 31 • Easter Sunday Worship • 8:30 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion and 11 a.m. on our YouTube Channel \*The Prelude starts at 8:20 and 10:50 a.m.

\*\*Please bring fresh flowers to add to the flowering of the cross in the churchyard.

Nursery available for both Easter services only.

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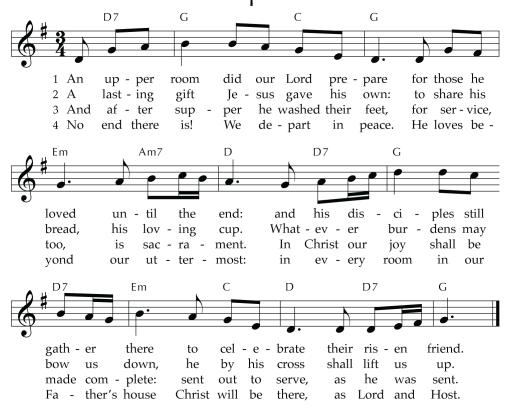


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# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202 Prepare



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.
MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988
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#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. <sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b–35 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Then 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?" 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." Simon 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." 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? <sup>13</sup>You 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. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Thanks be to God.

## 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane



The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.