

# Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

*“MAUNDY is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of Maundy Thursday is Jesus' new commandment, given on this the eve of his death, to "love one another even as I have loved you"”*

*Maundy Thursday is the night of the final meal that Jesus had with his disciples, the night in which he washed his disciples' feet, saying after he had done so: (John 13:12-17). Traditionally, on this night the Church does various things – such as we are doing this night. One of these things is to share a Holy meal together with the Lord; and demonstrate the servant act of washing.*

## Prelude

Air for Flute

Bob Joyner, Organ

—J.S. Bach

## Procession of the Christ Candle

## The Invocation

## Call to Worship

Leader: At Passover, after washing the disciples' feet and having supper with them, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." At table with Christ, we receive a new commandment.

**People: We are disciples of Jesus when we love one another. In thanks to God, we become a servant to others. By Jesus' example, we become foot-washers.**

Leader: We thank God for the gift of Jesus so in our worship we remember that night and Jesus' words and actions.

**People: Above all, we remember his breaking of the bread and his pouring of the wine, symbols of his imminent death.**

Leader: O God, let this service of remembrance sober us of any illusions we may have about our own courage and faithfulness.

**People: Help us to realize our entire dependence on his courage, his faithfulness, his forgiveness.**

Leader: With contrite hearts, let us hail the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Lord, prepare our hearts as we sing of Christ's love poured out and sacrificed for us by which we are pardoned and healed.**

\* **Gathering Hymn** (See Screens)

\*\*\*"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" (Verses. 1 - 3)

## Maundy Thursday Expressions

**"The Example of Jesus"**

**John 13: 1 - 11**

**"The Invitation of Jesus"**

**John 13: 12 - 17**

\*\*Glory To God Hymnal

## Walking Our Brokenness Toward The Cross and a Demonstration of Cleansing Love

Isaiah 1: 18- 20

*"If your sins are blood-red, (though your sins are like scarlet), they'll be snow-white. If they're red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you'll willingly obey, you'll feast like kings. <sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

**Instructions:** After hanging your ribbon on the cross, we invite you to participate in a traditional Hebrew hand-washing (*Netilat Yadayim*) before retaking your seat. This ritual hand-washing is done with and cup and a blessing, prior to eating any bread with a meal.

## Special Music

Wondrous Love

Bob Joyner, Piano & Emily Erdman, Violin

—Duane Funderbunk

## Sharing the Meal: An Expression of the Love and Complete Forgiveness Christ Offers

***Silently Consider...**As scripture proclaims the infinite power, majesty and wonder of God, why is it that Jesus is walking toward the cross for you?*

**Hymn** (See Screens)

\*\*\*"In Remembrance of Me"

**Communion Litany** [Isaiah 6:3 NRSV]

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us.**

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is a good and joyful thing to give God thanks and praise!**

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Prayer of Consecration

## Sharing of the Elements

## Special Music

"At the Cross"

Tami McDonald, Pianist

**Closing Hymn** (See Back Page)

"In Christ Alone"

*They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'* (Mark 14:32)

We return tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. for Tenebrae worship to walk the shadow valley with Jesus as he leaves Gethsemane and enters Good Friday's cross.

## Prayer and Benediction

## Postlude

The Glory of These Forty Days

Bob Joyner, Organ

Robert J. Powell

## "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All:  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love, and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God, was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home:  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!



## *Maundy Thursday*

*April 13, 2017*

*7:30 p. m.*

*Rev. Joe Wendorph*