



Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020

GREETING

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. C. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this night, our Lord Jesus Christ said:

People: 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love each other, as I have loved you.'

HYMN

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

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In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

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In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Beloved, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

People: Most merciful God,

we your Church confess

that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,

where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips

and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,

forgive us, we pray;

and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us,

was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,

and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Silence

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 34-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I 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!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

FOOT WASHING

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
 your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel
 and washed the feet of his disciples.
 Give us the will to be the servants of others
 as he was a servant of all,
 who gave up his life and died for us,
 yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.

SOLO

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

arr. W. Held
 Kurt Fowler, cello

*(At this time, you are encouraged to wash the feet of one another with whom you live.
 If you live alone, you are encouraged to pray for all health care workers
 and to remember the ways they use their hands to clean and heal their patients.)*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.
 Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit
 created all things and called them good.
 In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
 Through Jesus' suffering and death
 you took upon yourself our sin and death
 and destroyed their power forever.
 You raised from the dead this same Jesus,
 who now reigns with you in glory,
 and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
 making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
 When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
 gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Were You There

arr. W. Hornibrook

BLESSING

Be at peace.

May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you
this night and all nights. Amen.

Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague

Videographer

Kurt Fowler

Cellist

**Upcoming Worship Services
via Livestream:**

April 10: Good Friday, "Seven
Words from the Cross," 7:30 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.