

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24, 2016



# Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

# Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

The term "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin phrase "mandatum novum," which means "new commandment." The biblical reference is John 13, which features the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, followed by His statement about His new commandment to love one another just as He has loved us.

This foot-washing episode serves as "a rebuke to the disciples' ambitious strife, far more powerful than words could have spoken: It is such a rebuke that never again do we see a hint of the old question, 'Who should be greatest?' It was Christ's answer to their unseemly conduct, and a lesson to all believers for all time. It said, 'Let him that would be greatest become the servant of all."' – B.W. Johnson

# THE LOVE OF A SUFFERING SERVANT

ORGAN PRELUDE:				
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"In Tears of Grief We Sit Down" from St. Matthew Passion . . . . . . . . . . . . J. S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?" . . . Paul Gerhardt

Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near with His cheer; never will He leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven that God's Son

For my own to my faith hath given?

Thou art mine; I love and own Thee.

Light of joy, ne'er shall I from my heart dethrone Thee.

Savior, let me soon behold Thee face to face;

May Thy grace evermore enfold me!

The Westminster Singers Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

♦HYMN OF WONDER: No. 261 "What Wondrous Love Is This" . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON ...... Select verses from John 13

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.

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, rose from supper.

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

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.

"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.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## \$CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WONDROUS LOVE

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

#### **GREETINGS**

RECEPTION OF NEW YOUTH MEMBERS......Sanders L. Willson

Morona Ali, Caroline Bennett, Henry Bridgforth, Jackson Bridgforth, Eleanor Campbell, Mason Davis, Robert Dickinson, Charlie Eason, Emily Fonville, Olivia Fonville, Clay Hancock, Hallie Hayden, Elizabeth Ann Hickman, Amelia Hopper, Brooke Grissinger, \*Travis Lewis, Wyatt Martin, Eli Maxwell, Anna Grace McCarty, Natalie Murrah, Achol Nebk, Ivy Grace Roaten, Robert Roaten, Bailey Roux, Lily Saunders, Claire Schneider, Anne Claire Sexton, Anne Wilkes Skipworth, Mary Kate Thomas, Alex Wallace, Mayers Wallace, Shade Webb, Graham West, Marilyn Wiener, Townes Wilkinson, Ella Wilson

\*to be baptized

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

## THE TRAVESTY OF A BETRAYED KING

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 19:1-16a (page 905 in pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise be to Christ.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

**HOMILY** T. Barton Kimbro **Iesus: Condemned** 

# THE FEAST OF A CRUCIFIED LORD

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshippers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" . . . . . . . William Doane

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, Free to all — a healing stream — flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father,
we confess that we have doubted Your care and love
when facing our own bitter cups of suffering and pain.
Pardon us for not keeping watch with You in temptation's hour.
Instead of desiring Your will,
we have been absorbed with our own.
Forgive us for betraying our loyalty to You
by loving other things and people more than You.
Left to ourselves, we would run away in shame.
Yet Your Son gladly stoops again to serve us
by washing us with the waters of His blood.
Cleanse us thoroughly for we pray in the blessed name
of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

On this night, Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

On this night, Christ gathered with the disciples in the upper room.

On this night, Christ took a towel and washed His disciples' feet.

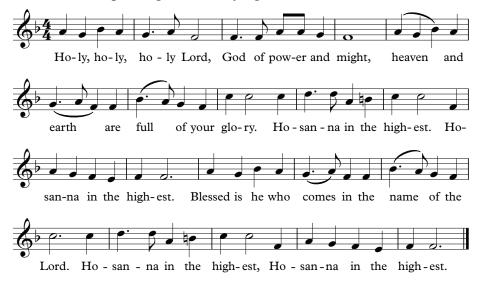
On this night, He gave us an example that we might love each other as He has loved us.

On this night, Jesus Christ gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may participate in His life, death and resurrection, and, at the last day, may reign with Him in heaven.

On this night, we come, in repentance and faith, to fellowship with our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

It is then our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in this dark world, has blessed us with light and life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You and saying:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION. PICARDY

Text by St. Thomas Aquinas

That last night, at supper lying, 'mid the twelve, His chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand; Then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made flesh, true bread He maketh, by His word His flesh to be, Wine His blood; which whoso taketh must from carnal thoughts be free: Faith alone, though sight forsaketh, shows true hearts the mystery.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees, The Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden: "Oh, take this cup away from me yet not my will but Yours, Yet not my will but Yours."

To know each friend will fall away and heaven's voice be still, For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight — to be by God forsaken Till wrath and love are satisfied and every sin is paid, And every sin is paid.

What took Him to this wretched place, what kept Him on this road? His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul. No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry, All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all, The Savior drank it all, the Savior drank it all.

## SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Greater Love Hath No Man" . . . . . . . John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love,

Neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this,

That a man lay down His life for His friends.

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,

That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;

That ye should show forth the praises of Him

Who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,

That you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,

Acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♦HYMN OF CHRIST'S WORK: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"...Keith and Kristyn Getty



## **†BENEDICTION**

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Jesu, Enduring Suffering and Death"......Max Reger