

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017



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.

B.W. Johnson says 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.'"

THE SERVANT LOVE OF A HUMBLE SAVIOR

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"In Tears of Grief We Sit Down" from St. Matthew Passion J. S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ
CHORAL MEDITATION: "'Twas on That Night"ROCKINHAM OLD
'Twas on that night when doomed to know the eager rage of every foe, That night in which He was betrayed, the Savior of the world took bread.
Then in His hands the cup He raised, and God anew He thanked and praised, While kindness in His bosom glowed, and from His lips salvation flowed.
The Chancel Choir Christy Young, Director
CALL TO WORSHIP
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 RESPONSEwondrous 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

Caroline Alexander, Grace Bennett, George Brandon, Abby Brown*, Hadden Burgess, Ruth Burgess, Walker Burks, Doug Curtis, Nathan Deacon, Joyner Franklin, Elijah Graham, Elizabeth Grinder, Barbara Hale, Annie Hayden, Abby Hays, Garnett Hutton, Fraser Johnston, Jack Laughlin, Mac Magness, Knox McQuillen, McLean Meeks, Kaelin Mitchell, Libby Moak, Peter Nearn, Henry Nickey, Megan Nunn, Brittain Rauls, Gabby Robbins, Madeleine Siler, James Smythe, Amelia Steiner, Cindy Tan*, Kate Weller, Lilly West, Tate Whipple, J.P. Wood

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 Saving Pardon of a Gracious King

..... Luke 23:26-34 (page 883 in pew Bible)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken now and in death's agony.

HOMILY David A. Bowen Father, Forgive Them

^{*}to be baptized

THE STRENGTHENING FEAST OF A LOVING 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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father, thank You that there was One who into earth's bitter waters of evil, injustice, hatred, and revenge poured a crimson flood to ultimately make them sweet.

Never was any man more unjustly sinned against.

The world He loved drove nails into His hands and feet.

Yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them."

Remind us Lord that we Your servants are not above You, our Lord.

We confess that we are slow to imitate You, our forgiving Lord.

Forgive us for the times and ways that we have refused to extend to others the same grace You have given to us.

For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our gracious Redeemer, 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING OF THE CUP

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Thanks Be to God" Siegfried Ochs

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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



†BENEDICTION

 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
 HAMBURG

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.

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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