

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **What Wondrous Love Is This?** arr. Craig Phillips

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: **On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

Leader: On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: **On this day Christ our God gave us this feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

*Hymn: **Hope of the World** #734

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we are reluctant to bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we resist your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** Dvořák arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven.

People: **May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, let us understand the teachings of Jesus that we may meditate upon them. Help us to comprehend your word that we can find comfort in sorrow and the strength to do your work. May your word guide us in right living and through it know for sure the wonder of your grace, for we pray in Jesus' name, the Word made flesh. Amen.
Based on Psalm 119:27-29

Scripture Reading: **John 13:31-35**

Sermon: **A New Commandment**

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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; 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Response: **This Is the Feast of Victory** #513
verses 1, 3 and 5

Words of Institution

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response: **Holy, Holy, Holy** #595

**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

Response: **Dying, Your Destroyed our Death**

**Dying You destroyed our death: Rising You restore our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

Presenting and Taking the Elements

The congregation is asked to come forward to receive the elements

The congregation may sing as we receive the elements:

Let Us Break Bread Together #525

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #523

Refrain:

**You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

**1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)**

**2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. (Refrain)**

**3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)**

**4 The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)**

**5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (Refrain)**

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: **have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: **grant us peace**

All: **Almighty and ever living God, we give thanks that in your great love you have fed us at your table with this spiritual food, and have assured us of your goodness toward us; and that we are members of the mystical Body of Christ, and heirs of your**

everlasting kingdom. And we ask you, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace that we may continue in this holy fellowship, and live henceforth to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, and is worshipped and glorified with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

FROM THE SUPPER TO THE CROSS

Special Music: ***What Wondrous Love!*** Lloyd Larson
 Narrators: Amy Maurer and Theunis Oliphant

Forsaken Dan Forrest
 Jennifer Dalmas, violin; Evgeni Raychev, cello

*Benediction
 *Postlude: ***Beautiful Saviour*** David N. Johnson

 *Please stand if you are able

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THE SESSION

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³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

~ John 13:31-35