



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



Washing Feet by He Qi

Maundy Thursday Service

April 9, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word: "mandatum," which means commandment. Maundy Thursday is the time we celebrate Jesus giving people the new commandment that we love one another as he has loved us.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation

(This service usually begins with hand-washing by the Deacons, in remembrance of the foot-washing Jesus gave to his disciples to model humility and care for others.)

PRELUDE: Althea Wright *"Lord I lift your Name on High"* by Rick Founds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When it was evening, Jesus took his place with his disciples, and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

All: "Who? Who will betray you?" They all wondered, "Surely not me. Tell us who, Jesus!!"

Leader: "The one who dips his hand into the dish with me."

All: "But that's all of us. We all share this common meal...."

In the book of John Chapter 13 it reads: "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."

SPECIAL MUSIC: Althea Wright *"No More Night" by Walt Harrah*

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): Robert Cortez

On this holy night, O Lord, we gather to ask your blessing. Thank you for the provision of this food and for those who have had a hand in its preparation. May it nourish our holy communion with you and one another as we share together at these tables and remember your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord of all of creation. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE from John 13: 2-15,34-35 continues: Robert Cortez

"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, "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. . .

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."

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: Myles Ellis

"Eat This Bread" by Jacques Berthier, 1984

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you; **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Thank you, O Lord, that with the sweep of creation you have revealed the beauty of your blessing to the whole universe.

Though the ugliness of our sin has marred creation, killed innocents, and enslaved the vulnerable, you make and keep the covenant with your people, leading us from bondage to freedom and sending us prophets to call us back to your ways of justice and peace for all.

May You be praised, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. You feed the world with goodness, mercy, and grace. Blessed are you, O God, for our beloved brother Jesus who came to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life so that we might share in your blessing and live in your abundance forever and ever.

When we were hungry, without food, he healed us. When ignorant, he taught us. When we were sick, he touched us with healing. When estranged and lost, he helped us find our way. He embodied God's ways all the way to death, yet he did not back down. Instead, he prayed for us and forgave all then and now.....

Table Leaders:

(At home you may take bread and hold it as the words of institution are spoken)

"The last time he sat at table with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body given for you...."

(Pass the bread to others saying, "The Body of Christ given for you"

Hold one piece while the next words of institution are spoken.....)

"Jesus took a cup and gave it to his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sins. When you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."

(Pass the cup for each to dip their bread into it saying: "The Cup of Blessing."

Show how to dip one piece of bread lightly into the juice in chalice, eat and pass it.)

ANTHEM: Deborah Baker "*When you Prayed Beneath the Trees*" by Lloyd Larson

PRAYER OF GRACE

Let us pray: **Loving God we thank you for your grace and blessings in this Maundy Thursday meal. Send forth your Holy Spirit now, we pray, Keep us all one, even as you prayed we would all be one, and fill us with the strength to abide with you and minister to you even in the torturous chaos of a crucifying world. This we ask in Christ, through Christ, with Christ to whom be all honor and glory as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us saying:**

(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.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Althea Wright "*Soon I Will Be Done* " *Spiritual arr. by Calvin Taylor*

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