



Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

Prelude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Johannes Brahms*

Call to Worship

Leader: Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic?
 The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends?
 The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation?
 If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered?
 Would you have ordered dessert?
 Would you have held your friends' hands and told them how much you loved them?
 If you had known, would you have washed their feet?
 Tonight we gather together, because this night was the beginning of the end.
 This night was Jesus' last supper with his disciples.
 Take a moment to imagine how Jesus must have felt.
 Pause for silence.

All: Friends, with all of this in mind, I invite you to join me in our opening words:
Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds.
May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.

Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Mark 14:12-16

Billy Martin

Passover Feast of Jesus and His Disciples

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

The Second Lesson

Exodus 12:24-27

Cathie Rogers

The Passover Observance Given to Moses

You shall observe this Passover rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he spared our houses." And the people bowed down and worshiped.

The Third Lesson

Mark 14:17-21

Scott Shipley

Jesus Foretells Betrayal

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

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. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of SimonTje Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 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." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

The Fifth Lesson

Mark 14:22-25

The Lord's Supper

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Communion Music

String Duet

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We are each a tapestry of stories.
 We are our stories of fear and grief,
 As well as our stories of love and joy.
 We believe that God sees all of these interwoven truths
 And says to our fragile selves:
 "Come in.
 Come in from the cold,
 Come in from the rain,
 Come in from wherever you are,
 And be here tonight."
 We believe that God then pours warm water into a basin
 To wash off the weariness of the day,
 The bruises of the past,
 And the doubt that clings to us.
 We believe that this act is an act of love.
 Similarly, we believe that God says to us: "Eat."
 And God shares of God's self,
 And it is food not only for our bodies, but for our souls.
 We believe that all this happens
 Every time we close our eyes and imagine God,
 And every time we close our eyes and imagine God,
 We believe the parts of our tapestry that feel worn and frayed
 Are held together.
 So today, we remember. Today we say thank you.
 Today, we know—we are held together.

The Sixth Lesson

Mark 14:26

Dustin Waller

They Went to the Garden

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Music

String Duet

The Seventh Lesson

Mark 14:27-31

Dustin Waller

Jesus Foretells Denial in the Garden

And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

The Eighth Lesson

Mark 14:32-42

Marylyn Brown

Praying in the Garden

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come...

Depart in Silence