



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



seeking
*Will you wash
my feet?*

April 6, 2023 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday



In Preparation for Worship

With this service our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather now with Christians around the world in celebrating The Three Days (known as the *Tridium*) of Jesus' death and resurrection.

On this first day, Maundy Thursday, we gather around the Lord's Table to remember the supper by which Jesus would express himself to the disciples and to the world. His love was revealed in the emptying of his life for us. Jesus invited all to share the holy meal and become what we eat and drink: the body of Christ offered in love for the life of the world.

During this worship service, we will immerse ourselves in the experience of the disciples at The Last Supper. While they were gathered for the Feast of Passover, Jesus transformed the sacred meal into something sacramental, bearing the grace of God for all who would receive it.

The service then follows the journey of Jesus and his disciples from the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knows the ultimate struggle to come. In the garden he begs his disciples to stay vigilant with him in prayer, as the shadows of the story approach. Our prayerful close and silent departure will help us stay connected with Jesus in this heightened moment of the holy week drama.

Gathering in the Lobby

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord said to Moses in the land of Egypt

People: over this meal, remember.

Leader: Jesus said to his disciples in Jerusalem,

People: over this meal, remember.

Leader: This night, over this meal, we remember the Lord

People: who never forsakes his people.

Leader: This night, in the garden, we remember the Lord

People: whose love knows no bounds.

Processional Song 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare, *Stanzas 1-3 Only*

An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25/Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17).

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 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988
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The Passover Feast

Table Grace and Prayer for Illumination


The Passover Feast of Jesus and His Disciples Matthew 26:17-19

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken


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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat




1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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The Meal

Tables will be invited one by one to be served soup and bread.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

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TABLE OF GRACE
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The Passover Observance Given to Moses

Exodus 12:24-27

24 You shall observe this Passover rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. 25 When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. 26 And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" 27 you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses." And the people bowed down and worshiped.

The Passover Questions

At the Passover meal, the children in the family traditionally ask the parents four questions about the significance of the Passover ritual. Tonight, children from our "family" will ask questions of their parents about the meaning of this evening.

Child: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Parent: Because on this night we remember the Last Supper that Jesus had with his followers and we begin our three days of special prayer.

Child: What is the meaning of the bread and juice we will eat and drink?

Parent: Jesus promised that whenever we share in holy communion, he is present among us. When we eat the bread, we remember that Christ's body was broken out of love for us. When we drink the juice, we remember that Christ's blood was shed out of love for us.

Child: Why do we also celebrate foot washing tonight?

Parent: At the Last Supper Jesus washed the disciples' feet and then he told them that they should wash each other's feet. When we wash our neighbors' feet it reminds us that we are supposed to be to one another.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Deliverance

LORD'S SUPPER

Bless the Lord, O My Soul 535

Capo 2: (Em) F#m (D) E (Em) F#m

Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

(C) D (G) A (Am) Bm (D) E (Em) F#m

Response

and all that is with-in me, bless God's ho-ly name!

(Em) F#m (D) E (Em) F#m

Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

(Em) F#m (C) D (D) E (E) F#

Response

and for-get not all God's ben-e-fits.

At the Table, Betrayal Met With Grace

Jesus Foretells Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; 21 and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" 23 He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 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." 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17

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 Simon 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 Lord’s Supper

Matthew 26:26-29

26 While they were eating, 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.” 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

LORD’S SUPPER

Eat This Bread

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are provided in two options (Opt. A and Opt. B) for each line of music.

System 1: Chords: G, C, Am, D, Bm. Lyrics: Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and"; Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

System 2: Chords: Em, Dsus, D, G, D. Lyrics: nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread; nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

System 3: Chords: Em, Bm, C, Dsus, D, G. Lyrics: drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst." drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

They Went to the Mount of Olives

Matthew 26:30

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

The congregation will stand and follow the character of Jesus to the courtyard for closing prayers.

Praying in the Garden as the Shadows Lengthen

Jesus Foretells Denial

Matthew 26:31-35

31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." 33 Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Praying in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. 38 Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;[e] the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

Stay with Me

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Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

This chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38/ Mark14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words we need to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

Depart in Silence

For those who wish to stay, the Great Hall and sanctuary will be open throughout the evening for personal prayer and meditation.

When you leave this evening, please do so quietly.

We now depart into a time of intense prayer as we make our journey from the table to the garden to the cross and, ultimately, to the empty grave.

The Holy Week service continues tomorrow at 7pm.

Worship note: Thanks to Mark Rogers and Anna Jean Lower for guitar music.