

WORSHIP FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

MAUNDY THURSDAY

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES *(from John 13)*

One: Jesus said,
 "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."
 One who loves us to the end has invited us here.

All: We are guests at the table of Jesus Christ.

One: We are awed that our Savior has chosen us;

All: we are embarrassed that Christ would wash our feet.

One: We come to this memorial feast in gratitude;
 we honor Christ's invitation above all others.

All: At this table, we know cleansing and forgiveness.

One: Through the broken bread and the cup of blessing,
 we participate in the new life Christ offers us.

All: We are empowered here to live as Christ's disciples.

INVOCATION

***OPENING HYMN** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" GtG 202

- 1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.**
- 2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

3. **And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

4. **No end there is! We depart in peace,
he loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS John 13:1-15
Matthew 27:27-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HOMILY by Pastor Bill Vincent

LITANY

- One: O God most high,
on this night we remember Jesus
humbly washing the feet of his disciples.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: We pray for the church and for all who serve others,
especially those in most need.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: We pray for peace among nations and religions,
and peace among people.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: We pray for those who suffer
because of hatred and hard-heartedness.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: We pray for those who are injured
by acts of violence or natural disaster.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: We pray for those who are sick or dying,
for those who are frightened or distraught.
- All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**
- One: Most holy God,
in Jesus Christ you show us that true glory is in humble service.
Renew in us your call to love one another,
to welcome the stranger,
and to show Christ's mercy in all we do.
It is for his sake that we pray.
- All: Amen.**

***HYMN** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” GtG 221

1. **O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.**

2. **What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
and grant to me thy grace.**

3. **What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
out-live my love to thee.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of 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.**

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(Please eat the bread and drink the cup as you are served, remembering your personal commitment to Christ.)

Sing "Let Us Break Bread Together" GtG 525

Bread:

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Cup:

- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Prayer:

- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

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Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” GtG 503

1. **Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**

2. **Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.**

3. **When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

- One: We have remembered and celebrated together;
All: now we are sent out to serve in Christ’s name.
One: We have been washed and fed;
All: now we go out to follow Christ’s example of service.
One: Let your daily life express thanksgiving to God;
let your daily acts express God’s love to others.
**All: We dare to offer to others what we have experienced.
God’s steadfast love and faithfulness assure us.**
One: Walk in confidence through Good Friday to Easter.
All: God’s love sustains us through death to new life.
One: Go in peace. And let the gathered people of God say...
All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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