

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday Service March 29, 2018

On Maundy Thursday the Church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with His disciples in the Upper Room before His arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: His washing of his disciples' feet, His institution of the Lord's Supper, and His new commandment to love one another. Traditionally, this service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught His disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is "The New Commandment Thursday."

Maundy Thursday worship naturally features the Lord's Supper and, in some traditions, an act of foot washing or another sign of mutual love and dedication. Celebrations of the Lord's Supper call attention to the many theologically rich dimensions of the Last Supper itself, including its attention to communal love and its focus on hopeful anticipation of the coming kingdom of God.

Preparation for Worship *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

Maundy Thursday

Here is the source of every sacrament,
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,
Replenishing our every element
Remaking us in his creative Word.
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,
The fire dances where the candles shine,
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.
And here He shows the full extent of love
To us whose love is always incomplete,
In vain we search the heavens high above,
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night,
He meets us here and loves us into light.

~ Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*

Welcome and Announcements

*A cry room for small children with televised worship
is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.*

*If you are able, please stand at these times.

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Prelude *"The Lord's Prayer"* (T725)

Call to Worship Luke 22:8

Jesus said, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." In remembrance of that occasion, we have come together tonight to share the one cup and the one loaf, and to know the power of the new covenant.

Invocation

Scripture Reading Selections from the Upper Room Discourse

***Hymns of Praise and Reflection** *"And Can It Be"* (Words: T455)(1)
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (2)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life ~ I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

Offertory Hymn *"Meekness and Majesty"* (Bulletin Insert)

The Sermon John 14:15-31
"Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit"
Maundy Thursday Sermon Series
Rev. Cory Colravy

The Lord's Supper

Invitation I Corinthians 11:23-30
Reading of the Law John 13:34

*Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another; just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.
By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."*

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you;
like Peter, we have denied you;
and like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.
You have shown your self-giving love by washing the disciples' feet.
Surely we have not lived up to your example.
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.
We plead for your forgiveness and mercy for all of our sins.

And we ask that you lead us once again to your table,
and unite us to Yourself, the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.
Dear Savior, this night you kneel before your friends
and wash our feet.
Bound together in your love,
trembling, yet grateful,
we eat this bread, your body,
and drink this wine, your blood,
and watch. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon I John 1:8-10
Hymn of Meditation *"The Look"* (3)

I saw one hanging on a tree in agony and blood.
Who fixed His loving eyes on me, as near His cross I stood.
And never till my dying breath will I forget that look.
It seemed to charge me with His death though not a word He spoke.

*Forever etched upon my mind is the look of Him who died.
The Lamb I crucified.
And now my life will sing the praise of pure atoning grace
That looked on me and gladly took my place.*

My conscience felt and owned the guilt and plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilt and helped to nail Him there.
But with a second look He said, "I freely all forgive,
This blood is for your ransom paid, I died that you might live."

Thus while His death my sin displays for all the world to view.
Such is the mystery of grace, it seals my pardon too.
With pleasing grief and mournful joy my spirit is now filled.
That I should such a life destroy, yet live by Him I killed.

Distribution of the Elements

***Benediction** John 16:33

*Jesus declared, "I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

***Hymn of Benediction** *"Worthy Is the Lamb"* (C303)

Passion Week Schedule

Friday, March 30, 2018
Good Friday Service of Lessons and Psalms, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Church Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.



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Sermon Notes
“Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit”
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The High Priestly Prayer John 17

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

