

April 17, 2025 Livestream & In-Person 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Wayne Oquin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Childcare is available in Room 102)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the growing darkness we gather. Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

People: a towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

Pastor: He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:

People: to love one another as he has loved us.

Pastor: This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,

People: when we love each other.

Glory to God



1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,

2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,

3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,

4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,

5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,



when powers of dark - ness be - trays him - self in blest food and drink for he who de - stroys our that we may share your o - ver - come the day, to his vic - tim's will, heart and soul and mind; slav - er - y to sin; glo - ry that shall be;



mourn the weight of the night the faith - ful e - vil the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre par - ing: this night in - jus tice joins its hand trea - son's, to ac - cused of crim - i - nals crime, to be giv - en, us pass through these three dark nights let of sor - row



where - by our sins the Son of brings a - bout the for sin cure buys the ran - som - price and of that judg-ment on the righ-teous to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and

Man be - tray.
sin's own ill.
hu - man - kind.
Judge be - gin.
lib - er - ty.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak,

but Jesus is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has

delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

Lord, Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

People: and still you love us — you have loved us to the end.

Pastor: We have denied you,

People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

Pastor: We have betrayed you,

People: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by

the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.

silence

Pastor: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: in Jesus Christ

we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of love, during Holy Week, we give you thanks for this night, for the intimate

hour Jesus shared with his disciples between the public parade and the public charade. Though even now we do not fully understand, we long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to love as he loved. Jesus promised that if we know these things and do them, we will be blessed. Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught. Though we betray and deny, we still come seeking a

blessing, for this much we do know: we cannot live unless you bless us.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Pie Jesu" Gabriel Fauré

Nancy Studer, soprano

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest SCRIPTURE John 13:3-10a, 12-17

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 supper, 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.

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, 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, slaves 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.

LITANY OF FOOT WASHING

Pastor:

Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago, we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing, and bless the hands and feet of your servants, too. Wash away the stains and strains of this life, we pray, that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ. In true humility, we bend our lives in service to you. Help us all, by your example, to grow in understanding: how for love's sake we are meant to serve rather than be served. In Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

INVITATION TO HAND AND FOOT WASHING

Maundy Thursday reminds us that Jesus became the servant of all as he washed his disciples' feet and in that act, calls us to be a servant people. You are invited to journey to one of the foot or hand washing stations in the Sanctuary, or you may remain seated to reflect and pray.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor:

God of tenderness and compassion, on the night before he died, Jesus set a table for his disciples. Those who would soon deny, betray, and scatter. All gathered together. They took off their sandals and sat down in the presence of their Teacher and Lord, who washed their feet, one by one.

We pray for people whose feet are tired and dusty from hard labor; for those whose backs are bent by care or worry; those laid low by illness or guilt or grief. Wash away, we pray, the tiredness of our bodies and souls. Hold gently in your healing hands the broken places in our lives and relationships. Be our company in isolation, our source of hope in despair, and the way forward at every dead end.

God of all good gifts, thank you for setting a table of welcome for everyone; for making room whether we are faithful or faithless or failures. We pray that all who are hungry will find enough to eat and clean water to drink as we share and live more responsibly. Teach us to sit down with enemies, sharing common meals and common hopes. Make us true servants of yours for the sake of the world. Teach us to love as you love for the sake of the world. In Christ's name we pray.

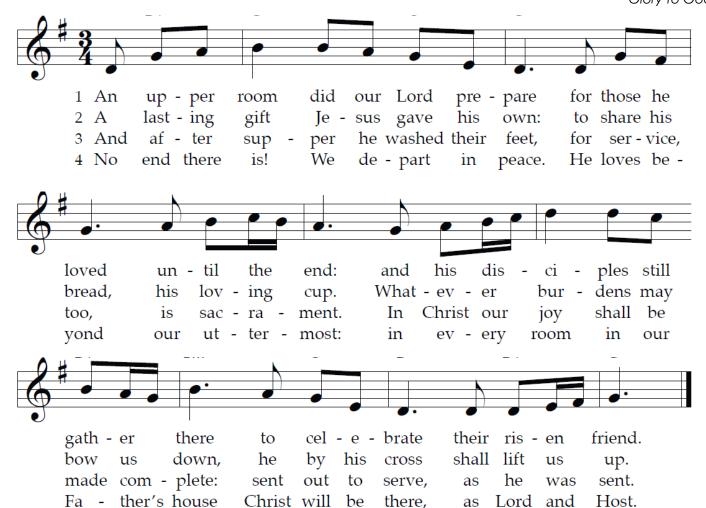
People: Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

No. 202 Glory to God



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor:

Friends, this is the table of the Lord. From the night of his arrest through succeeding generations, Jesus' disciples have continued to come to the table for this holy meal. As he did that night in Jerusalem, so ever since in all times and places, Christ meets us here. We are included in this feast, whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt; whether we are first among saints, last among scoundrels, or somewhere in between. In bread broken and cup poured out, we remember the full extent of Christ's love for us and give thanks.

Come, let us join the whole communion of saints as we keep the feast!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:34-35

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: You sent your Son Jesus for the healing of the world that we might learn to follow

his life of humility and share in the joy of his glorious resurrection. And so we

praise you as we say:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your

glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: On the night before he died for us, Jesus gathered his friends for a meal. He took

bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them and said, take, eat, this is my

body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them

and said, this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the

forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space. Wherever you are, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.

If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers nearest the center aisle or bread and individual cups from the servers nearest the outside aisles; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. All communion bread is gluten free. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: O Lord, our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving.

Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now

from this night to your promised day. In Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Samuel Crossman Rhosymedre

Jim Wurz & Keith Atwater, baritones Susan Herman, flute

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from Heaven's throne salvation to bestow;
The world that was His own would not its Savior know

But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed who at my need His life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

DISMISSAL

Pastor:

Jesus has set an example for us: to serve others as he has served us, and to love one another as he has loved us. Go and do likewise, so everyone can tell that we are his disciples. And may the Lord bless you in times of trial and in times of rejoicing. Amen.



* SENDING IN SILENCE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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THE MEANING OF THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On this Holy Thursday we remember the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the last night of his life as he was in Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "mandate" and refers to the scripture in John 13 where Jesus says to his disciples (including us), "A new commandment (mandate) I give to you, that you love one another."

The Lord's Supper has special significance as it commemorates the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples until he ate with them in the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:16). Bread was and is a common staple of life which Jesus used as a symbol for his body, broken into pieces to demonstrate the giving of himself for others.

Wine was another common staple of life in the first century and its consumption was part of everyday life. When Jesus shares the cup, it is a symbol of his blood shed and the sacrifice of his life for all humanity.

The sharing of this very common meal was and is a way of enjoying an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Please Join Us Good Friday, April 18

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres

Easter Sunday, April 20

In-Person Sunrise Service at 6843 Stanley Ave. at 6:15 a.m.

Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres

