

The Worship Of God

March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Karen Sawyer and Clyde Patterson
Jesus Paid it All arr. Mary McDonald

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 13:34)

P: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

C: This he said to his disciples, after washing their feet and having supper with them.

P: Tonight, we remember that night and those words.

C: Above all, we remember his breaking of the bread and his pouring of the fruit of the vine, symbols of his imminent death.

P: O God, let this service of remembrance sober us of any illusions we may have about our courage and faithfulness.

C: Help us realize our dependence on his courage, faithfulness, and forgiveness.

P: With contrite hearts, let us hail the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

C: through whose sacrifice for us we are pardoned and healed. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Jesus said, "One who has bathed does not need to wash." In our baptism, we have been bathed by the grace of God. Trusting in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

P: Lord Jesus, how well you know our hearts

C: and still you love us, you have loved us to the end.

P: We have denied you,

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

P: We have betrayed you,

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

P: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

C: 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. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in the holy scriptures, read, sung, and preached.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

Rosemarie Evans

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Susan Edwards

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

THIRD LESSON: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Edward White

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 146

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICA

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Blaine Pittman

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHORAL MEDITATION

Susan Frazier, Blaine Pittman, and Ms. Sawyer

Wash Their Feet

Pepper Choplin

HOMILY: *Mandatum Novum do Vobis*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD PROCLAIMED

The Love of Christ has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
And in purity of heart, let us love one another.

Where charity and love are, there is God.

When therefore, we are gathered together
Let us not be divided in spirit.
Let bitter strife and discord cease between us;
Let Christ our God be present in our midst.

Where charity and love are, there is God.

With all the blessed may we see forever
Thy face in glory, Jesus Christ our God.
Joy that is infinite and undefiled
For all the ages of eternity. **Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION Vann Davis, violin, and Ms. Sawyer

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

The Table of the Lord

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING IN COMMUNION

(Please come forward as instructed by the ushers.)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

O How He Loves You and Me

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