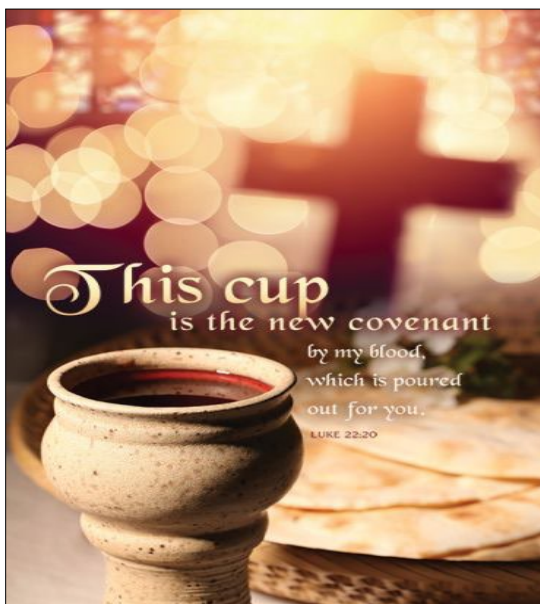


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Maundy Thursday Evening Service

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Call to Worship

Responsive Reading of Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn #243: Praise the Savior Now and Ever

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Reading of the Law

John 13:1-20

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. [*Silence*] Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

[*Silence*] Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

[*Silence*] Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

based on 1 John 4:14-16

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ we are forgiven. And through him God abides with even us. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Hymn #238: My Dear Redeemer and My Lord

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Scripture Reading

John 6:25-40

“The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever.”

Sermon: A Spiritual Diet

Dr. David G. Barker

Lord’s Supper

Invitation/Warning

Sursum Corda

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Faith

Lord of all being, here is one thing that deserves my greatest care, that calls forth my ardent desires, that is, that I may answer the great end for which I am made – to glorify thee who hath given me being, and to do all the good I can for my fellow men;

Verily life is not worth having if it be not improved for this noble purpose. Time is a moment, a vapour, and all its enjoyments are empty bubbles, fleeting blasts of wind, from which nothing satisfactory can be derived;

Give me grace always to keep in covenant with thee, and to reject as delusion a great name here or hereafter, together with all sinful pleasures or profits.

Help me to know continually that there can be no true happiness, to fulfilling of thy purpose for me, apart from a life lived in and for the Son of thy love.

Hymn #235: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Benediction

Studies in the Gospel of John

A Spiritual Diet

John 6:25-40

(see also: Ex. 16; Jn. 6:1-15)

The word 'diet' means:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

Jesus teaches us about our spiritual diet.

I. People feed on the wrong things.

What is the purpose of all of Jesus' miracles?

How is Jesus like a doctor here?

II. You need to feed on the right diet.

Could Moses make manna? Could Jesus?

What does the world feed you?

III. Seek a true, spiritual diet.

What brings you salvation?

What must you put off? put on?

IV. Remember, you are what you eat.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred,
beyond human semblance,

And his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

So shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because
of him,

**For that which has not been told them they see, and that which they
have not heard they understand.**

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the
arm of the LORD been revealed?

**For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry
ground;**

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

And no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted
with grief;

And as one from whom men hide their faces.

He was despised,

And we esteemed him not.

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Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

And with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

And like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;

He has put him to grief;

When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

The will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Because he poured out his soul to death

And was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,

And makes intercession for the transgressors.

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

That by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery. Heb. 2:14, 15

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
 3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
 4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing
 righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
 ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the stron - ger;
 Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

My Dear Redeemer and My Lord

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Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6

1. My dear Re - deem - er and my Lord, I read my
 2. Such was your truth, and such your zeal, such def - 'rence
 3. Cold moun - tains and the mid - night air wit - nessed the
 4. Be now my pat - tern; make me bear more of your

du - ty in your Word; but in your life the
 to your Fa - ther's will, such love, and meek - ness
 fer - vor of your prayer; the des - ert your temp -
 gra - cious i - mage here: then God the Judge shall

law ap - pears drawn out in liv - ing char - ac - ters.
 so di - vine, I would tran - scribe and make them mine.
 ta - tions knew, your con - flict and your vic - t'ry too.
 own my name a - mongst the fol - l'wers of the Lamb.

Isaac Watts, 1709
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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!