

Midweek Worship
The Journey through Lent
Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM April 1, 2021

Call to Worship

Nancy Hilbert

On this day, Christ the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.
On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.
On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup, may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (Chereponi)
(chorus)

Jesu Jesu
Fill us with Your love
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from You

Kneels at the feet of His friends
Silently washes their feet
Master who acts as a slave to them *(chorus)*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are near us and far away *(chorus)*

These are the ones we should serve
These are the ones we should love
All these are neighbors to us and You *(chorus)*

Loving puts us on our knees
Willing to wash others' feet;
This is the way we should live like You *(chorus)*

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Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray, Jesus, our Lord and Savior, draw us together as you gathered your disciples, so that we may experience your love and compassion. Open our minds and hearts to your commandment to love, and to serve one another. Let us be drawn as one, though separate,

still one Body of Christ, joined by your love and our care for one another. In the name of Christ, the Lord and Savior of us all, Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Humbly we offer our open hearts to You. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We declare, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Special Music: "You Are My Strength When I am Weak"

Henry H.

John 13:1-17, 31-35

^{13:1} Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Message “Washing Feet and Being Cleansed”
Prayer

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: “On the Night He Was Arrested”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

On the night he was arrested, Jesus took a loaf of bread.

He gave thanks to God in heaven, then he shared it and he said,

"Here's my body; it is broken. Now I give it; taste and see!

When you share at God's good table, eat the bread! Remember me!"

When they'd finished eating supper, Jesus gave them something new.
As he took the cup he told them, "Drink this wine; it is for you.
It's the promise of salvation. In my blood, God sets you free.
When you share at God's good table, drink the wine! Remember me!"

God, we thank you for your blessings — for your gifts of bread and wine.
By your Spirit, Christ is present in the fruit of grain and vine.
With these gifts of earth we're given, we proclaim Christ's sacrifice.
We receive a taste of heaven, as we share his death and life.

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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