



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order for Worship  
Thursday in Holy Week  
Commonly Called Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

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PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 eternally.**

HYMN – *O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace* (Psalm 116)

**O thou, my soul, return in peace To thine untroubled rest,  
For thee the bounty of the Lord Abundantly hath blest.**

**God did indeed redeem my soul That else in death had slept;  
God hath mine eyes from tears set free, My feet from stumbling kept.**

**What shall I render to the Lord, What shall my offering be,  
For all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?**

**Salvation's cup my soul shall take While to the Lord I pray,  
And with God's people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay.**

**Not lightly dost Thou, Lord, permit Thy chosen saints to die,  
From death Thou hast delivered me; Thy servant, Lord, am I.**

**Within God's house, the house of prayer, My soul shall bless the Lord,  
And praises to God's holy name Let all the saints accord.**

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. AMEN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – *What Wondrous Love Is This* (verse 2)

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God,  
we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for your Word,  
that it may nourish us today  
in the ways of eternal life.  
Through Jesus Christ, who is the true bread of heaven. AMEN

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 12:1-14

SECOND LESSON – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

HYMN – *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself,  
O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We have to walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you must stand it by yourself;  
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you must stand it by yourself.

THIRD LESSON – I Corinthians 11:23-26

HOMILY “Utter Humility” The Rev. Lorenz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & the LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER or HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful...  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs of angels  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, we gather this night  
in a new and different way,  
and yet we still share the meal that Jesus gave His disciples so long ago.  
We are not together physically as a congregation,  
and we are not inside the thick stone walls of our familiar sanctuary,  
but we are safe inside our homes,  
and we are bound together by the love of Jesus Christ.  
Continue to bind us together, O Lord, even though we are apart,  
enable us to find new and innovative ways to be connected,  
and remind us always of our unity as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## HYMN – *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away, Leave Him Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

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Today's Worship Service Participants are:  
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor  
The Rev. Bill Beck  
Arthur Thompson, organ  
Kari Kornish, vocal  
Joe Shane, camera