

APRIL 14, 2022

WORSHIP GATHERING AND CELEBRATION

April 14, 2022

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1

Gathering & Preparing

Reading:

Mt. 26:17-19

Prelude: "Adagio of the Passion of our Lord"

Tomasso Albinoni

Welcome and Invitation

Come, eat at my table, rest and be washed clean, and see how fervently I have wished to bring you close to me. Though you might betray me, though you might deny me, my love will not fail, and my hospitality will never falter. True, the path ahead is narrow and the gate is small, but it will always be open to you. I will not turn you away.

John 13:3-9 with Guided Reflection

Prayer of Preparation (in unison):

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in the hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, to whom be glory now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TWC 221

A New Commandment

God in an Apron (written by Macrina Wiederkehr)
-Served us to show us how to serve

John 13:12-15, 33-35

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" TWC 213

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Loving God, you gave us your peace, which this world cannot give, and washed our feet as a sign of your love, but we draw the sword to strike in your name and seek high places in your kingdom. You offered your body and blood, but we scatter and deny and abandon you, and we have prepared a cross for our Savior. Holy God, have mercy on us. Forgive us, restore us and strengthen our faith that in the hours of trial we may not fail. (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: 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.

Call to Offering

The psalmist asks, What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me? And then declares: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; I will pay my vows and offer thanksgiving in the presence of the congregation. With gratitude for God's bounty to us, we join the psalmist, praising God with our offerings.

Offertory:

“Pie Jesu”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Prayer of Dedication

We are your servants, O God, for you have loosed all other bonds that held us captive. In freedom, we follow you. In gratitude, we praise you. Celebrating all that you have done for us in Christ, we bring before you tithes and offerings, bread and cup, asking you to add your blessing so that all that we have and all that we are may be used in blessing others. Lord, open our hearts and minds now as we transition our time of worship. Let us find new insight in your suffering on Good Friday, help us to fully understand the weight of salvation offered to us freely through your grace.

At the Table with Jesus

Luke 22:14-20

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the Earth and create the fruit of the vine you make us in your image and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people and made covenant to be our God. You fed us in Anna in the wilderness and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot you, and our faith was weak you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing the glory of your name:

People: 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.

Leader: You are holy, O God of Majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands. He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison. In the deserts of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his body as manna for our weariness. This cup of suffering which he drank has become for us the cup of salvation. In his death, he ransomed us from death's dominion; in his resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

People: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

(Intercessions) Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithful until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. And now, As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: The Lord's Prayer TWC 632

Sharing the Bread and the Cup:

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf. The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Communion Music: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" St. Christopher
Prayer

Tenebrae Service

In the Garden (from here to the end, a candle is extinguished after each scripture reading)

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

TWC 225

Matthew 26:36-44

Music: "The Garden of Gethsemane"

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Matthew 26:45-56

Response: "Tis Midnight; And On Olive's Brow"

TWC 220 (vs 1,2,3)

Trial and Suffering

Luke 22:63-71

Organ Response: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Herzliebster Jesu

Luke 23:13-25

Chant: "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child"

Spiritual

The Cross

Luke 23:26-38

Congregational Response: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

TWC 216 (v. 1,2)

Luke 23:44-49

Congregational Response: "Were You There"

TWC 218 (v1,2)

Jesus is Buried

Matthew 27:57-61

Solo: "Watch the Lamb"

Ray Boltz

(Please leave in silence when you are ready.)