

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2011

Christian Year: Maundy Thursday

Preparation for Worship

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

And though I tremble when I think
How weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know
His love can never fail.

ES Hall, "His Love Can Never Fail"

Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more.

William Williams, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 34:1-3, 8

The Rev. Eric Priest

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
may the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Magnify the LORD with me;

People: Let us exalt his name together!

Minister: Taste and see that the LORD is good!

People: Blessed are those who take refuge in him.

*Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus came as a servant
to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life.
We praise you for inviting us to serve one another without pride,
to forgive one another as we have been forgiven,
and to feast at his table as members of one household, Amen.

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Hymn No. 598

CWM RHONDDA

First Scripture Reading

Barbara and Jack Spell

John 13:1-17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also

*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels

my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Hymn No. 535

EBENEZER

Second Scripture Reading

Mary Grace Rogers

John 13:18-30; Matthew 26:26-29

"I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

‡ Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Jared Huffman

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you taught us to serve others as you have served us. And yet we are misled by our pride – we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected holiness, and ignored others. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for your name's sake, Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Minister: Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow death, we need not fear evil because Jesus is with us. He has forgiven our sins by his one, final sacrifice.

**His Love Can Never Fail*

Hall/Miner

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;
I may not know the way to go, but oh, I know my Guide.

Refrain:

His love can never fail, his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.
And though I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. *(Refrain)*

I will not fear, though darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If only I may feel the touch of his own loving hand.
And though I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. *(Refrain)*

***The Peace of God**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Adagio from Sonata in C Major

J.S. Bach

Third Scripture Reading

John 13:31-38, 14:25-31

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

The Sermon

"God's Posture"

Eric Priest

That You May Believe: Tragedy and Victory in John

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn No. 347 (Stanzas 1-3)

AURELIA

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, we invite you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us!
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us!
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: Grant us your peace!
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.*

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Behold the Lamb
Aimee Johnson, solo

Townend & Getty

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Spurgeon/GIFT OF LOVE

Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace, and bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see!

***Concluding Prayer**

Father, truly we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
who offered himself in humble service to his disciples
even on the night he was betrayed.
We leave here eager to reflect the glory of Christ,
our source of hope and life,
our Teacher, our Lord, and our elder brother,
who laid down his life so that we might live, Amen.

***The Benediction**

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us
from all evil; may he drive far from us all hurtful things,
and purify both our souls and bodies; may he bind us to
himself by the bond of love, and may his peace abound
in our hearts.

People: **Amen.**

***O Love that Will Not Let Me Go**

Matheson/Miner

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine oceans depth its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*Serving in Worship this evening: Mark Austin, trumpet; Cindy Cook, organ; Max Dyer, cello;
Christopher Jachmich, guitar; Anna Grace Lair, violin; Mark Miller, piano; Amy Wiggs, flute.*

Sam Huisman and Aimee Johnson, vocalists.

Justin Rose, worship assistant.

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