



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021 · 6:30 p.m.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Lamento" from *Suite* Denis Bédard
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lewis

✠HYMN OF WONDER: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG
Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Lowell Mason; arr. Metzger / Galatians 6:14

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

✠INVOCATION

✠EPISTLE LESSON I John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

**Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love.**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

**In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TOWNEND

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

GOSPEL LESSON 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 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.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

HOMILY: Jesus and His Disciples Dan Burns

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord’s table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. All communion wafers are gluten free.

✠PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH..... The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠GLORIA PATRI..... GREATOREX

Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

✠CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
we confess that we have doubted Your amazing love,
and rather than desiring Your will,
we have been absorbed with our own.
Like Judas, we have betrayed You.
Like Peter, we have denied You.
Like the other disciples, we have forsaken You.
Have mercy on us, O God, Your weak and ashamed people.
Lead us once again to Your table and renew us in Christ,
who is the Bread of Life and the Vine from whom we grow in grace.
It’s in His matchless name, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

"To See the King of Heaven Fall" GETHSEMANE

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Matthew 26:38-39

**To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees;
The Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden:
"Oh, take this cup away from Me, yet not My will but Yours;
Yet not My will but Yours."**

**To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still,
For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.
No words describe the Savior's plight—to be by God forsaken
Till wrath and love are satisfied, and ev'ry sin is paid,
And ev'ry sin is paid.**

**What took Him to this wretched place? What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race, for ev'ry broken soul.
No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all;
The Savior drank it all.**

"Mercy" Craig Courtney

Words: Susan Bentall Boersma / Music: Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.

Kyrie elison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon purity.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy,
Tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
Together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.
Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.

Kyrie elison, have mercy, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: "We Sit Down in Tears" from *St. Matthew Passion* . . . J.S. Bach; arr. Gower

✠Indicates congregation standing

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