

Liturgy of Word & Sacrament for Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Zion UCC, Lowden

***Our worship will help us remember the events of Jesus' last night with the disciples.
Please gather in silence.***

Holy Thursday is also known as "Maundy" Thursday, from the Latin *mandatum novum*, meaning "commandment." It was on this last night of His life that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in the manner of a servant, and gave us the commandment to love one another as He loves us. We gather to celebrate with holy reverence this night when Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the upper room, and commanded us, each time we do this, to remember Him.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prayer at Gethsemane* by Gerald Peterson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit gathers us to recall the story of the night in which Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Christ Jesus, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?

By the grace of God, we are.

Will you follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

By the grace of God, we will.

ALL: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is Your name to be praised in all the earth!

*HYMN *According to Thy Gracious Word*

~ When We do Not Remember ~

Our Confession

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us out of love, and commands us to do the same: "... love one another," Jesus said. "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- silence -

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...

when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us, O God.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

forgive us, O God.

If we have used your table for our private feast, as if you did not mind or it did not matter,
Have mercy on us, O God.

When we have been eager to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then deny him
by our actions;

**forgive us, O God, and empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true
to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- silence -

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence for personal confession...

~ Remembering ~

We are Forgiven

.... In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Jesus said. "... I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with these or similar words: "The peace of Christ be with you."

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

~ Remembering ~

His Commandment to Serve

GOSPEL LESSON OF SERVANTHOOD:

John 13:1-17

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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His Commandment to Love

GOSPEL

John 13: 31b – 35

PRAYER (*unison*)

**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new
commandment: To love one another as He had loved them. By Your Holy Spirit write this**

commandment in our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

~ Remembering ~
as Jesus Prayed for us, We Pray for one Another

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Give in Response to God's Greatest Gift

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost!

~ God "Re-Members" Us ~
We Receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*INVITATION

from the Iona Community

*COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for You made us, and before us, You made the world we inhabit, and before the world, You made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in You; . . . Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of all creation to proclaim Your glory:

*SANCTUS

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

(Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE STORY

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All those wishing to know the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ are welcome at His table. We receive the bread and the cup together in the sanctuary or across the miles. The distance we keep for the health and safety of each other is dissolved in the unity given by our Lord. Please wait until all have been served, and we will receive the elements together.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy meal of bread and wine in which you have given Yourself to us. If we must suffer for you, let it be so, that we might grow all the stronger in hope. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~ Remembering ~

Christ Gave His Life for us, so we can Live for Others

*HYMN

An Upper Room with Evening Lamps

This is the close of our worship.

There will be no benediction – until our worship concludes Easter morning.

You are invited to go into the night in prayerful silence.

POSTLUDE

March to the Cross

* Indicates those who are able, please stand.

Tonight's service marks our entry into the Triduum, or "the great three days during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again."
(St. Augustine)

Worship opportunities during the "great Three Days":

Good Friday, 12 – 3 p.m. - sanctuary open

Easter Sunday, April 4th at Zion UCC

6:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion

Songs & Scriptures for Maundy Thursday

HYMN

According to Thy Gracious Word

Tune: Martyrdom

According to Thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.

Thy body broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
and this remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn my eyes,
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice,
I must remember Thee;

Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all thy love to me:
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember Thee.

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2. Thy bod - y, giv - en for my sake, My bread from
3. Geth - se - ma - ne can I for - get, Or there Thy
4. When to the cross I turn mine eyes And rest on

mil - i - ty, This will I do, my
heav'n shall be: Thy tes - ta - men - tal
con - flict see, Thine ag - o - ny and
Cal - va - ry, O Lamb of God, my

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lov - ing Lord: I will re - mem - ber Thee.
cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber Thee.
blood - y sweat, And not re - mem - ber Thee?
sac - ri - fice, I must re - mem - ber Thee.

This tune in a higher key, No. 145.

Baptist Hymnal 1991 372
WORDS: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
MUSIC (AVON 8.6.8.6.(C.M.)): Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

No. 498, vss. 1-3

Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and You. *Refrain*

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

No. 498, vss. 4-5

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from You.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with You. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live – and love. *Refrain*

*HYMN *An Upper Room with Evening Lamps*

*An upper room with evening lamps ashine,
the twelve disciples, and the table spread;
now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine,
and in remembrance bless and break the bread.*

*We see by faith upon the cross displayed
his body broken and his blood outpoured;
in that dread robe of majesty arrayed
we gaze in worship on the dying Lord.*

*Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above:
to our hearts we find his presence giv'n;
take for ourselves the pledges of his love,
foretaste and token of that feast in heav'n.*

*So send us out, to love and serve and praise,
filled with his Spirit, as the Master said:
love, joy and peace the wine of all our days,
Christ and his life our true and living bread.*

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WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)
MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)
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EVENTIDE
10.10.10.

GOSPEL LESSON OF SERVANTHOOD: John 13:1-17

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. ... during supper Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I 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, '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.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

GOSPEL

John 13: 31b – 35

... Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

GOSPEL

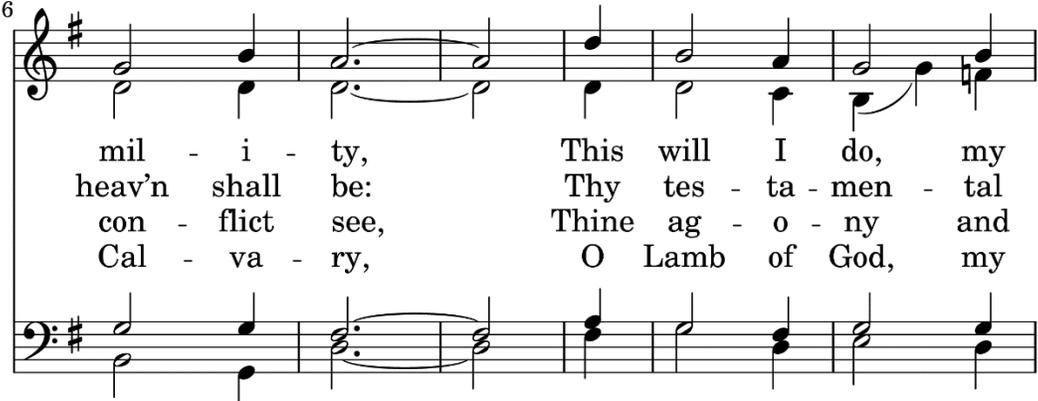
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"... the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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