

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

In this historic prayer of the church, the leader speaks as the voice of God, the Creator and Giver of Life and Shepherd of Israel, and as the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ from the cross. Each portion of the prayer ends with the exchange:

Pastor: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Unison: Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy, immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 97, st.1,2,3 Go to Dark Gethsemane Redhead 76

The congregation sits

The Stripping of the Church

In keeping with the solemn events of Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday, the Church developed the custom of removing many of the symbols and appointments of worship from the worship space. Worshippers may meet Pastor Krech at the chancel steps to receive an item from the pulpit, table, or chancel. You will then carry the item from the sanctuary by way of the center aisle. Turn left at the hallway and go to the fellowship room on the right (Room 102 A), and place the item on one of the tables there. You may then return to the sanctuary for silent prayer or silently depart the church building.

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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

The congregation stands

Silent Procession by choir and pastor

Scripture Sentences

Commemoration of Maundy Thursday

Hymn 100 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Rockingham

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

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 loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Anthem Lord, Have Mercy J.S. Bach; arr. Hal H, Hopson

O Lord, have mercy. Wash me through and through from all my sin.

Blot out all my guilt and shame. Hear my prayer. My transgressions bear upon me, Lord;
make pure my heart. Inspire my thoughts to know your truth.

O cast me not away, O Lord; guard my soul. Your Holy Spirit guard my heart and soul.

Lord, restore the joy of your salvation. Renew my spirit, Lord.

(--Psalm 51: 1-3,7,10-12; free translation by Hal H. Hopson)

Prayer of Confession Unison
Eternal God, your 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, nor love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ,
who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Anthem There Is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual; arr. by Robert Lau, 2002
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all.

Declaration of Pardon

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-13, 17a, 18-19 Unison
I love the Lord, who heard my voice and my supplication.
Because God inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord; in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Anthem When Jesus Wept Douglas Wagner
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir based on a tune of William Billings

Gospel John 13:21-35
Sermon Finding Jesus Mike Krech
“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. John 13:33b-34a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 94 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly
Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional
The congregation sits.

Prayers of the People – The Solemn Intercessions

Anthem You Are the Bread Ruth Elaine Schram, 2007
We come to Your table to take of the bread and the wine.
We come to Your table to know you, to share the divine, to hear once again of your grace,
of the Passover lamb, sacrifice, and redemption, Your merciful plan from before time began.
You are the bread. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who bringest forth bread from the earth. You are the bread of life; take and eat; never hunger again.
You are the wine. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Creator of the fruit of the vine. You are the wine, the blood that is shed. You are the bread.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional
Elders serve worshippers at their places in the congregation.
You may eat the bread and drink from the cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion Unison

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine,
in which we share his body and blood.
May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love
show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption. Amen.

Anthem Come and Mourn With Me Awhile Anna Laura Page, 1991
Come and mourn with me awhile, come to the Savior's side;
come together, let us mourn, our Lord is crucified.
Have we no tears to shed for Him while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah, look how patiently He hangs, our Lord is crucified.
O love of God, O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried,
and victory remains with love, our Lord is crucified. (-- Frederick W. Faber, 1849)