



Grace First
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Together – Worshipping, Witnessing, Working

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Welcome and Announcements

As you prepare for worship this evening you are invited to light a candle in your worship space or gaze upon the Christ candle in the Sanctuary to center yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Richard Warner

"Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"

Call to Worship (Responsive)

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

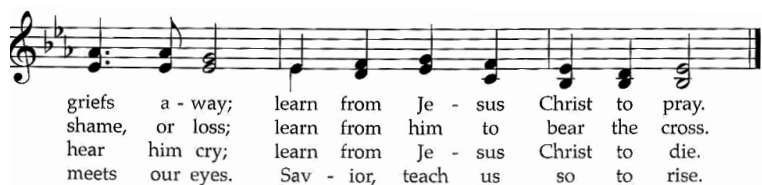
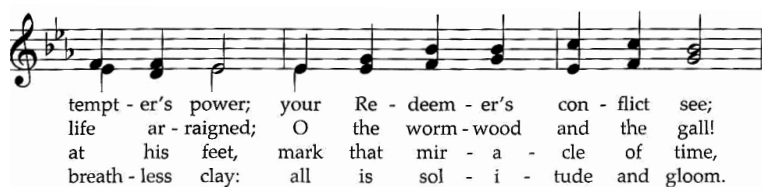
Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1820, 1825, alt.
 MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853

REDHEAD 76
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Call to Confession

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. If we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we receive discipline so that we may not be condemned along with the world. With confidence in God's abundant mercy, let us examine ourselves and confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, whose 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 or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 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." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Music Ministry

Bob Burroughs

“None Other Lamb”

Sanctuary Choir, 2010

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low.
Only my heart's desire cries out in me.
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out in Thee.

Lord, Thou art life: though I be dead.
Love's fire Thou art however cold I be;
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home but Thee.

Second Reading

John 13:1-17; 31-35

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Rev. David Slyter

202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.

MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Voluntary

Jan Bender

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

This Is the Night

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (D) E^b (Em) Fm (D) E^b

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (G) A^b (Am) B^bm (C) D^b (Bsus) (B7) Csus C7

when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
 he who de - stroys our slav - er - y to sin;
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) A^b (Dsus) E^b D^b (Am) B^bm (Em) Fm (Bm7) Cm7

the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing;
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) D^b (Am7) B^bm7 (Em) Fm (Am7) B^bm7 (Em) Fm (Bm7) Cm7 (Em) Fm

where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

This text conveys well the paradox of despair and expectancy felt on Maundy Thursday. The somber repetition of "this night" here contrasts with and prepares for the joyful "this is the night" repeated in the *Exsultet*, the ancient Easter hymn at the lighting of the paschal candle.

Benediction

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Postlude

Morecambe

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

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