

## *Maundy Thursday*

March 24, 2016

7:00 PM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

### **We prepare for worship**

#### ***Take a moment and meditate on this...***

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* **Revelation 21:1-4**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

### **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1,2,6-8,10,11

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea**  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
**The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**  
Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
**The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

\*Hymn No. 32

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see:**  
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided—**  
**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

\*Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading

Psalms 23 (Hymnal pg. 791)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

**And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:9-11

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

**And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.**

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in [us], he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to [our] mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in [us].**

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 170

How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's Supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein? **As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal and carnal, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and the benefits of his death.**

\*Hymn No. 347

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;

Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## Welcome & Announcements

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

### **We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

\*The Doxology (*Hymnal*, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory	<i>Jesu, Word of God Incarnate</i>	Mozart
	Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross thy sacred body, for us men, with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony.	

### **We hear God Speak in Word and Sacrament**

Text	Matthew 28:18-20	(Pew Bible, pg. 706)
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Sermon	"The Grace of Christ's Presence"	Pastor Ceselsky
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Hymn No.425 *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* Eucharistic Hymn

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### **We respond to God's Grace**

\*Hymn No. 701 *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!* Ada

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

**Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;**

**Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.**

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song.

\*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)                      Danish

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

**We welcome** Pastor David Milligan and the members of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church to our worship service this evening. Please join us tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Loch Raven for a joint Good Friday Service.

**The Special Easter Offering** this year will go to Compassion Ministries. You may use the special Easter envelope from your 2016 offering envelopes or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter." Please make all checks payable to Aisquith.

#### **This Week at Aisquith**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday Service at Loch Raven</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School (all ages)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study (at the church)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies Bible Study (at the church)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Adult Choir practice (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)</b>

#### **Coming Soon**

**Wednesday, March 30 - Hymn Sing at 7:15 PM (6:30 PM supper)**  
**Sunday, April 3 – Youth Group work night; everyone is invited.**  
**Saturday, April 9 – Impact Silent Auction 5:00 PM**

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