

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29, 2018

7:00 PM

As the bread of many grains is brought into one loaf, and the juice of many grapes is made wine in one cup, so the multitude of a Christian congregation, receiving together the Lord's Supper, are made members of one body, knit together in like faith and charity, and having like hope of salvation.

Thomas Cooper (1517-1594)

Prelude

Near the Cross

arr. Langford
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Music Director

Choral Introit

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

arr. Hopson

They crucified my Lord; and he never said a mumbalin' word...not a word...They nailed him to the tree; never said a word...and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word. He bowed his head and died; and he never said a mumbalin' word...not a word.

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and [our] labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me, hear me, that your soul may live.

*Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou has the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

*Invocation

Words of Confession and Forgiveness (responsive)

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

O God our Creator, we confess that we have not honored you with our bodies. Our feet are quick to walk the ways of wickedness. Our hands are eager to grasp and keep what is not truly ours. Our eyes are open to every opportunity for every kind of evil. Our ears give heed to rumors, gossip, false

witness and lies. We open our mouths to speak evil, and close them when we ought to speak words of encouragement and edification. And from our hearts come all manner of evil intentions. Who shall deliver us from this body of death?

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed. **Amen.**

Meditation

Exodus 12

Pastor Bell

The Passover

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

A Response of Thanks (The *Sursum Corda*)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks.

It is our joy and our peace at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Giving of our Gifts

Offertory

Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?

Hans Hassler

The Adult Choir

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” My Father and my God now hath turned his face away; and they who followed me now have turned and left me; no comfort have they for my sorrow. “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

Our Prayers of Intercession

*The Apostles’ Creed

(Hymnal, pg. 845)

*Hymn No. 421

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Crüger

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever.”

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Heavenly Father, we give you everlasting praise and thanks, that upon us you have conferred so great a benefit, as to bring us into the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Having delivered Him up to death for us, you have given Him to us for our food and nourishment unto eternal life. Now, also, grant us grace, that we may never be unmindful of these things; but rather carrying them about engraved upon our hearts, may advance and grow in that faith that is effectual unto every good work. Thus, may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to your glory and the edification of our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in the unity of the Godhead, world without end. Amen.

Genevan Psalter of 1542

*Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Benediction

Our Lord suffered, died and was buried.

But on the third day he arose again!

Behold, O God, your family: your Son Jesus did not hesitate for its sake to give himself into the hands of wicked people and to suffer agony on the cross--your Son, who now lives and reigns with you, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

Christ lay in death's dark bonds

J. S. Bach

* Those who are able, please stand.

Our Joint Good Friday Service will be held at Loch Raven Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM tomorrow.

The Special Easter Offering this year will go to the PCA Compassion Ministries. You may use the special Easter envelope from your 2018 offering envelopes or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter." Please make all checks payable to Aisquith.

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