

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

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

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

The Call to Worship
(ESV)

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 your 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
Toulon

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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
Bell

John 13:1-17 (ESV)

Pastor

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,

and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

A Response of Thanks
Corda

The Sursum

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

Our Prayers of Intercession

And we share in his suffering We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven Around the table of the King
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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Dedication

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
Townend

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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 (responsive)

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

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 2021 offering envelopes or a pink pew envelope marked "Easter." Please make all checks payable to Aisquith.