

The Gathering

The history of humanity is a story of occasional leaps in the right direction, followed by a return to the old ways. We go ahead two steps, back three. We don't always see where we are going or that God is with us. We join the Jews in the wilderness and Jesus on the streets of his time and place. Tonight we enter the upper room with the disciples, there to be with our Master for one last time before his ultimate sacrifice. We know that, like the disciples, we will affirm and deny. May we, also like the disciples, finally come to that moment when we meet a risen Lord and journey to the Kingdom at his side.



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Gethsemane American Folk Hymn c.1842
Setting by Roger C. Wilson

“When Jesus Wept” William Billings
Setting by Dennis Elliot

Variations on Southern Hymn Tunes Dale Wood
“There Is a Fountain” & “What Can Wash Away My Sins”

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed “Martyrdom”
Setting by Dennis Elliot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

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 pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. 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. Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 116:12-19)

HYMN (SEE INSERT)

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZ LIEBSTER JESU

The first three stanzas of this hymn explore both the contrast between the glory of heaven that Christ came from and the suffering He endured on earth, and the mystery of the love that motivated Him to make that journey. In stanza four we are reminded how God brings us to salvation in language that reminds us of Peter's experience in Acts 12:6-11, where God sent an angel to open the prison doors and loose Peter's chains. The final stanza is a jubilant celebration of our new state in Christ and the privilege of communion with God that we enjoy.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. David Coggins

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

My sisters and brothers,

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Response:

UMC #484 *Kyrie Eleison*



Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving:
help us now to grasp the nature of your love.

Help us to pray honestly
as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt: **(R)**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,
and have been quick to take offense ourselves: **(R)**

Where we have scorned difference
and have been indifferent to those in need: **(R)**

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,
and have ignored the injustice around us: **(R)**

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.

When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.

For your faithful love we praise you.

AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Karla Miles

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for

each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

GOSPEL LESSON

Brad Kallenberg

Luke 22:14-30

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the

Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

MEDITATION

Rev. Peter Homeyer

The Last Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup by Intinction

Flutists:

Melissa Shirley & Nancy Harrison

Piano & Tongue Drum:

Yun Kim

Prayer with Ministers and
Symbolic Foot Washing in Front Pews

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts & Debtors*)

HYMN (SEE INSERT)

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
O WALY WALY

The name of the Rev. F. Pratt Green is one of the best known of the contemporary school of hymn writers in the British Isles. His name and writings appear in practically every new hymnal and "hymn supplement" wherever English is spoken and sung. And now they are appearing in American hymnals, poetry magazines, and anthologies. Mr. Green was born in Liverpool, England, in 1903. Ordained in the British Methodist ministry, he has been pastor and district superintendent in Brighton and York, and now served in Norwich. There he continued to write new hymns "that fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the 'far-out' compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more."

SONG OF WAITING

William Henry Caldwell, Soloist

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley arr. William Dawson

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself,
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him, Oh, He had to walk it by Himself.
I must go and stand my trials, I've got to stand it by myself,
Oh, nobody else could stand it for me,
Oh, I've got to stand it by myself. O Lord, by myself.*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After the song is sung the congregation will be asked to
begin leaving in silence, reflecting on the meaning of the events
of Christ's life and ministry we have remembered tonight.*



MAUNDY THURSDAY

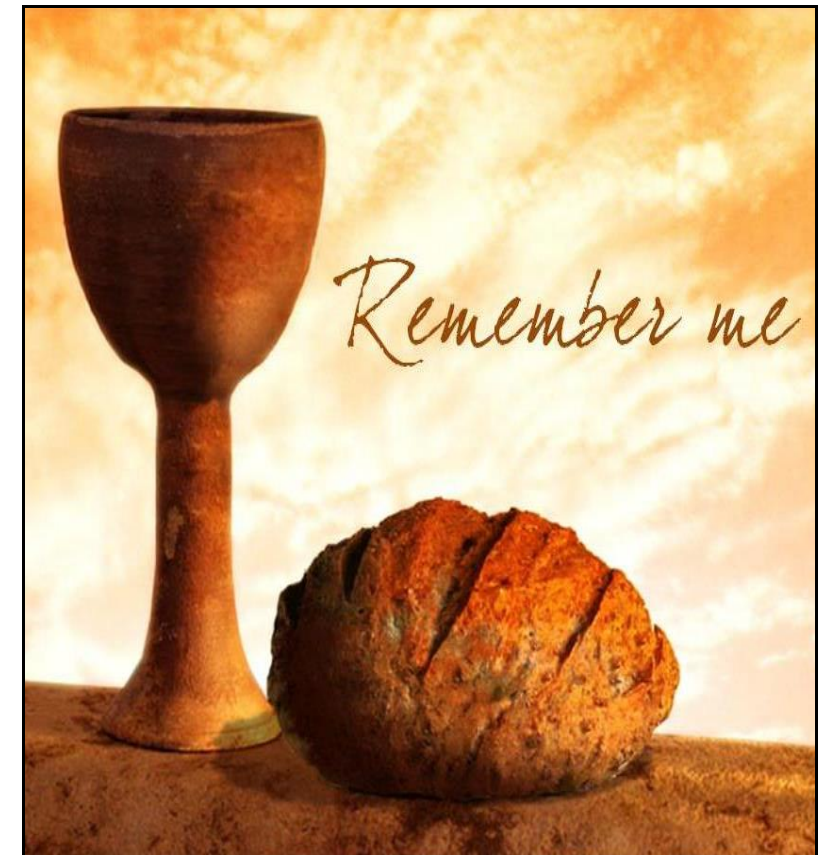
The Thursday before Easter is called “Maundy” based on Christ’s command, which in Latin is the word “mandatum,” that his disciples should love one another. In fourth-century Jerusalem there were special services at the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, and in North Africa an evening Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper. By the sixth century in the West, the Blessing of Oils and the Reconciliation of Penitents took place on this day. By the Middle Ages the stripping and washing of altars and the “pedilavium” (foot washing) were added. The latter ceremony was sometimes performed by sovereigns, and the modern English Royal Maundy Service is a modified survival of this.

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