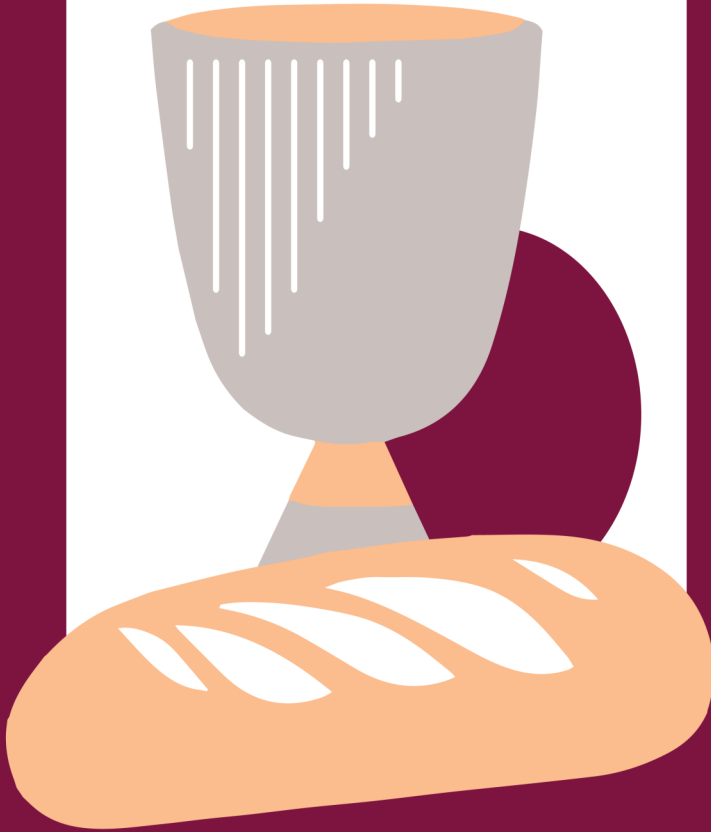


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MARCH 28, 2024
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

Prelude *Meditation on 'Ubi Caritas'* Gerald Near

Welcome

Call to Worship (read responsively)

One: These are Christ's final days:

All: when he was anointed with perfume and preparing for death,

One: when betrayal was coming closer,

All: when Christ gathered with his disciples in an upper room,

One: when he shared a meal as a sign of his great love,

All: when Christ washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to serve each other.

One: On this night, let us walk with Jesus and witness what is to come.

Introduction & Setting the Scene

Opening Prayer

Reading: Mark 14:1-9 — *The Anointing at Bethany*

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him,² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³ While [Jesus] was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and

poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?" ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Anointing

Anthem

Where Love Dwells

G. Custer

Reading: Mark 14:10-11—*Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Reading: Mark 14:12-16 – *The Passover with His Disciples*

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Sing: (Hymn# 228, *Were You There*, words altered)

Were you there when he gathered with his friends? (x2)

O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he gathered with his friends?

(silence)

Reading: Mark 14:17-25 – *The Lord’s Supper*

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Sing:

Were you there when he gave them bread and wine? (x2)

O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?

(silence)

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer Over the Elements

Words of Institution

Communion

Music During Communion:

In Remembrance of Me #521

Eat This Bread #527

Prayer after Communion

Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b – 35 *Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your

feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sing:

**Were you there when he knelt and washed their feet? (x2)
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he knelt and washed their feet?**

(silence)

Reading Mark 14:32-42 *In Gethsemane*

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has

come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Sing:

**Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God? (x2)
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?**

(silence)

Reading: Mark 43-52 – *The Betrayal and Arrest*

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Sing:

**Were you there when his friends betrayed and ran? (x2)
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when his friends betrayed and ran?**

(silence)

Commission

Postlude

Ich Ruf zu Dir, Her Jesu Christ

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders:

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Stephen Flavin

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Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Chancel Choir

Readers

Elaine Atallah

Art Bakewell

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Holy Week Events

Good Friday Service, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

(Outdoors in the church courtyard)

Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m.

