

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 1, 2021 • 7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

VOLUNTARY: O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde groß

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750))

John Alexander, organ

WELCOMEJill Duffield

OPENING SENTENCES

Beloved people of God:

This is the day

When Christ, our Passover Lamb,

Surrendered himself to those who would kill him,

Setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day

When Christ, our Teacher and Lord,

Knelt down to wash the disciples' feet,

Showing us how to love and serve one another.

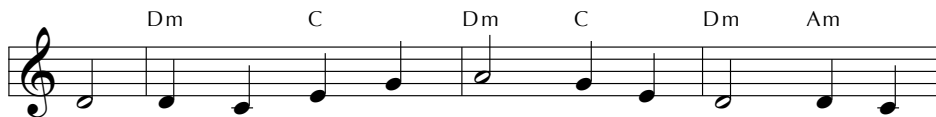
This is the day,

When Christ, the bread of heaven,

Shared a holy meal with his followers,

Offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 215 – What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSIONDolly Jacobs

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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,
You have given us a new commandment:
To love and serve one another in the name of Jesus.
Let the good news of your love
Be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FIRST SCRIPTURE: *John 13:1-20*

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Ex Ore Innocentum* John Ireland (1879-1962)
Women of the Chancel Choir Ensemble

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, for love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the Cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me.
But even could I see him die, I should but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

– *W. W. How*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *John 13:21-38*

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SECOND SCRIPTURE continues, over

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times. "

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY Keith Dove

ANTHEM: Eucaristica..... Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

Women of the Chancel Choir Ensemble

Deep in my heart I bear my Lord; my heart is a sacred Host to Jesus;
Therefore in my heart the light that gives serenity is ever glorious.

Deep in my heart I bear my Lord; and my heart leaps joyfully within me.
Goodness today makes sorrow light, and I have angels for my companions.

Deep in my heart I bear my Lord, and ever see the light of heaven
that keeps me always from the ways of darkness and of evil doing.

Deep in my heart I bear my Lord; and all my life He will be with me.
I want my voice to speak of love as does the seraph that proclaims Him.
My way shall be a path of lilies, the path on which I walk beside Him.

– translation by Philip L. Miller

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Keith Dove

GREAT THANKSGIVING..... Jill Duffield

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise...

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION..... Keith Dove

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONDolly Jacobs

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH / PALLING OF THE CROSS

Depart in silence



LEADING IN WORSHIP TONIGHT

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir Ensemble

HOLY WEEK 2021 CONTINUES

Good Friday, April 2

- Organ offering with reflections/meditations by Jill Duffield, 7:30 pm, video service.



Easter Sunday, April 4

- Sunrise services: Brief, outdoor services in the Giving Back Garden (corner of Fisher Avenue & Greene Street), one at 7 am and one at 7:30 am. *All reservations are taken at this time.*
- Easter Vigil: 8-10 am. Walk through eight stations in the Sanctuary. Reservations required, with masking and social distancing. Only 20 people in the Sanctuary at a time; safety guidelines in place. [Sign up online here.](#)
- Worship on video: Link will be up Saturday evening, congregation is encouraged to watch 10:30 am Sunday. Jill Duffield preaching.
- Bring a flower for the cross: observe social distancing, and be sure to wear a mask.
- After worship, check your email and social media for a special Easter message.

*Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 3
and Sunday, April 4*

- 2:30-4:30 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm Saturday, and 8-10 am Sunday. Walk through eight stations in the Sanctuary and outside the church, with readings, activities, meditation, art and communion. The flower cross will be the final station. Reservations required, with masking and social distancing. Only 20 people in the Sanctuary at a time; safety guidelines in place. [Sign up online here.](#) An online version will also be available. [Read more about the vigil on the Lenten blog.](#)



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