St. Andrew Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

PRELUDE

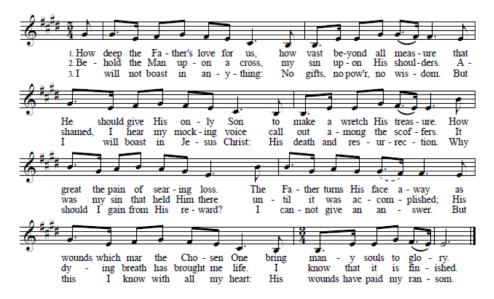
"Servant Song Video"

WELCOMING PENITENTS

HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend



LECTIO DIVINA

John 13:1-7, 12-16, 34-35

Scripture will be read three times:

First time listen for what stood out for you, jot down a word or two.

(Silence)

Second time, listen more intently around those words, or for the theme you noticed. *(Silence)*

Third time, listen again and see how the Spirit is moving you to respond to the text. *(Silence)*

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 supper ³ 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."

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.

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT- HAND WASHING

(Come forward to have your hands washed, then turn and wash the hands of the person behind you)

Music during hand washing:

Flute Solo, Eileen Mihm

HYMN 415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

(refrain)

"I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms."

AGAPE MEAL

This is the night of love. And this is the table of love. At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us. *He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.*

And so we pray:

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves, all our joys, all our passions, we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before the big bang, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

What are we that you should notice us?

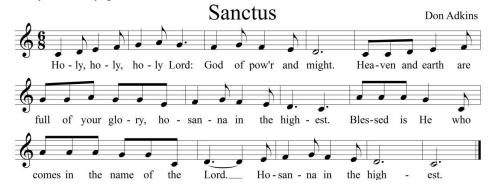
What are we that you should love us?

What are we what you should call us into covenant with you,

a covenant we continually broke and you continuously sustained.

Mercy! How full of mercy!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:



You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ. Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living! *Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!*

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy!

You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near

and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means:

healing for the sick. new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the possessed, love poured out for all.

Worthy the night you took a towel and basin, washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do likewise.

Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples.

Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me." We remember. Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me." We remember. We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon these gifts. Come upon these gifts. Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood. All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

During Intinction sing:

"In Remembrance of Me" In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. No. 521

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Refrain: Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery. We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving, loving as you have loved us wherever we go. Amen.

This is the night of love. Go forth in the strength of this feast, in the care of this community, and with the love and blessing of our Triune God. *Amen.*