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Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025, 6:30 pm

PRELUDE

Coty Catlin and Manuel Florendo

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LOVE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** (*responsive*)

Most merciful God, we your people confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE -GOD'S INTERVENING LOVE

Exodus 12:1, 3, 5-8, 11-14

Read by Carolyn Crocker

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 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. 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. 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.

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

Eileen Mihm

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 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!

1 Corinthians 11:23 –26

Myles Billheimer

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

HYMN

In Remembrance of Me

GtG 521 (v. 1,3)

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.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

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.

John 13:1 –17, 31b –35

Kathryn Adkins

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. Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 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.'

HAND WASHING

Coty Catlin and Manuel Florendo

Come forward to have your hands washed, then turn and wash your neighbor's hands. Return to your seats. We will bring the basin to you if you choose to remain seated.

COMMUNION

Communion Liturgy

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, 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, 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 that you should call us into covenant
with you, a covenant we continually broke
and you continuously sustained.**

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!

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 blind, 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.

Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

All blessing, honor, glory and power

be yours, Holy Triune God,

now and forever. Amen!

Gather around the Table

Coty Catlin and Manuel Florendo

Come forward in groups of 5-6, gather around the communion table as we break bread like the disciples did. We will bring communion to you if you choose to remain seated.

DRAPE THE CROSS (*in silence*)

CLOSING HYMN

Were You There

GtG 228 (v. 1, 2, 5)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

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O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Leave in Silence

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Dr. Don Adkins

Coty Catlin, Harp and Lyre

Manuel Florendo, Native American Flutes

Eileen Mihm

Kathryn Adkins

Carolyn Crocker

Myles Billheimer

Holly Edwards Duby

Easter Sunday

Don your Easter bonnets, get out your best jacket, or simply come as you are, as we join to celebrate the Joy of Easter - our new life in Christ! Death could not hold him, God had the last word, and we are washed in the abundant grace and love of the divine. Easter Service starts at 10:30 on April 20th

followed by a courtyard gathering. Invite a neighbor

and be ready to sing as we lift our voices in praise for the precious gift of the Resurrection.

