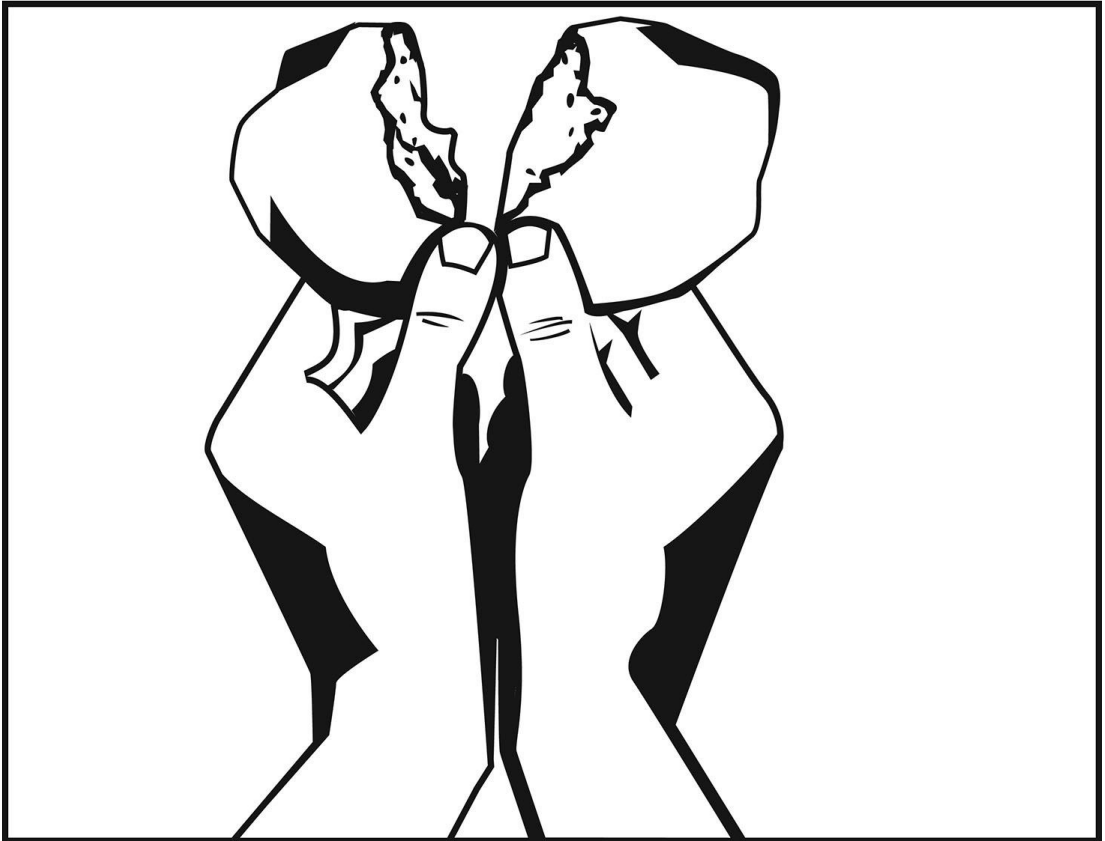


MAUNDY

Thursday



Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Maundy Thursday Service
April 6, 2023 -- 6:30 PM

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,
That you love one another.

**Just as Christ has loved us,
Let us love one another.**

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 disciple's 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.

Prayer

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ,
who washed disciple's feet on the night of his betrayal.

Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail,
but follow your Son through every trial,
and praise him always as Lord and Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!*

*When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down,
when I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down,
when I was sink-ing down be-neath God's righ-teous frown,
Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,
and through e-ter-ni-ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.*

* Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

* 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.**

* Sung Response No. 551 “LORD, HAVE MERCY”

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.*

* Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Choral Anthem

“SILENT WAS THE NIGHT”

Joseph M. Martin

*Silent was the night in dark Gethsemane.
The Savior knelt to pray in deep humility.
Quiet were the stars that once had sung.
The birds all hushed their singing as the Lamb prepared to die.*

*Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.*

*Silent was the night beneath the olive trees.
The Savior cries alone, His heart in agony.
Soon the noise of hate will echo and the silence
will be broken by shouts of “Crucify!”*

*Lonesome winds began to blow. Tears began to fall
as Jesus took the bitter cup and chose to drink it all.
“Father, let Thy will be done,” He prayed in deepest grief.
With grace He rose to face the night, then turned toward Calvary.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,
you have given us a new commandment:
to love and serve one another in Jesus’ name.
Let the good news of your liberating love
be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (*Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet*) Pg. 101

Homily

* Affirmation of Faith **Apostle’s Creed (Trad.)** Hymnal – pg. 35

* Hymn No. 203 **“JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE”**

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
si-lent-ly wash-es their feet,
Mas-ter who acts as a slave to them.*

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

*Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,
var-ied in col-or and race;
neigh-bors are near us and far a-way.*

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.*

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

*Lov-ing puts us on our knees,
will-ing to wash oth-ers' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.*

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the Table of the Lord.

From the night of his arrest through succeeding generations,

Jesus' disciples have continued to come to the Table for this holy meal.

As he did that night in Jerusalem,

so ever since in all times and places, Christ meets us here.

We are included in this feast,

whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt;

whether we are first among saints, last among scoundrels,

or somewhere in between.

In bread broken and cup poured out,

we remember the full extent of Christ's love for us and give thanks.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death, then rose again to new life
that we might live, and all creation be restored.
Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forevermore. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*"sins ...sin against us"*)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Words of Institution (*Breaking Bread*)

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

(*Pouring Wine*)

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.
Brothers and sisters, the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation,
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Everyone may depart the sanctuary in silence.
The service continues on Good Friday.*



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