

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 518

Your Only Son (Lamb of God)

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *(Refrain)*

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *(Refrain)*

*DISMISSAL

John 14:15, 15:12

Go in peace. Remember the Savior's Words, "If you love Me you will keep My commandments... This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my
soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sink-
ing down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside 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 millions join the theme, I will sing, I
will sing; while millions 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 joyful be, and through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

When they had sung the hymn, they went out . . . Matthew 26:30

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MESQUITE



MAUNDY THURSDAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Rev. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

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A NOTE ABOUT HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The services of Holy Week take on a somber note. The Maundy Thursday (*mandated—this do in remembrance of me*) service is conducted with the uneasy restraint that the disciples must have felt at that Last Supper where our Lord instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. After the Passover meal, with its new symbolism, Jesus and his disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The service continues tomorrow night with the sad events from the Garden of Gethsemane to the trial, the crucifixion, and the tomb. Some may object to this very somber service because there is no immediate "happily ever after." Those who participate in the Good Friday service may go away with some of the same sense of the despair of those first disciples, who must wait for the unexpected events of Easter Sunday morning.

Of course, from our perspective, we already know the story will not be complete until Easter has dawned.

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Welcome to this service this evening. We gather here in this room, just as Jesus and his disciples gathered in the Upper Room on that Thursday night long ago and He instituted the Lord's Supper.

VOLUNTARY

Ah, Holy Jesus!

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 517 (vs. 1)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-2, 14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you . . . This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 11:23-26

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 517 (vs. 2-3)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong the fellowship of living wine and bread.

GOSPEL The Words of Jesus to His Disciples in the Upper Room
Portions of John 14, 15, 16

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go and prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

(Continued)

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you"

*HYMN 517 (vs. 4-5)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear. The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; the bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

*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 wander from Your ways as prodigals. 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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (*Refrain*)