

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Online Broadcast from FCC Chapel

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

A Time of Preparation

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We who call upon the name of Christ are gathered to recall the story of the night in which Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

P: By the grace of God, we are.

L: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?

P: By the grace of God, we are.

L: Will you follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

P: By the grace of God, we will.

L: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

P: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This?” Vs. 1&3

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!

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!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the women and men who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Interlude

“Lonesome Valley”

arr. Colin Curtis

The Fellowship of the Upper Room

The Invitation

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful god, we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

... Moments of Silence ...

L: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

... Moments of Silence ...

L: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

L: We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

... Moments of Silence ...

L: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

The Sharing of Communion

(All are welcome to join in the sacrament using your own version of the bread and the wine.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who became the true paschal Lamb that was sacrificed for our salvation. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.

Interlude

“He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

Paul Taylor

Remembering Our Story

The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25, 30-35

The Prayer in the Garden

Mark 14:32-42

Congregation Joins in Singing:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Trial Before the Sanhedrin
The Denial of Peter

Mark 14:53-65
Mark 14:66-72

Congregation Joins in Singing:

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ...

The Trial Before Pilate
The Shadow of the Cross

Matthew 27:11-24
Matthew 27:27-31

Congregation Joins in Singing:

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? ...

The Gathering Darkness

Evening Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned,
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
“It is finished!” hear the cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n, He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.

The Veiling of the Cross

Closing Prayer

Silent Reflection and Departing