

Maundy Thursday Worship

Prelude Music Schmucke Dich, o liebe seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Welcome Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson

Call to Worship

One: In holy remembrance, we gather:

All: To be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

One: In holy remembrance, we worship:

All: Lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

One: In holy remembrance, we feast:

All: Breaking the bread which makes us whole, drinking the cup which fills us with grace.

***Hymn** See Insert An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*Call to Confession

One: How is it people will recognize us as followers of Jesus? Simply by how we treat one another.

All: Let us confess how we have not loved as Christ loves us.

*Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, we confess that our discipleship has been weak.

When we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

All: Forgive us.

One: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

All: Forgive us.

All: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

All: Forgive us.

One: Merciful God, empower us by your Holy Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Moments of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world," (John 12:47b) and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." (John 13: 1b) The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. This is our Good News!

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Offering

The offering this evening is designated for the
work and ministry of the Covenant-First Deacons

Offertory

Surely This was God's Son

Lloyd Larson

Covenant Chamber Choir

Surely this was the Son of God, blameless, the holy Lamb of God.
He bears my blame on the cross of shame. Surely this was God's Son!

Worthy! Messiah, sent from God, Redeemer, eternal love of God,
He dies for me, How can it be? Surely this was God's Son!

Reviled and scorned and with crown of thorns hangs the Teacher from Galilee.
With labored breath, in painful death, He endures the cruel tree.

Surely this was the Son of God, blameless, the holy Lamb of God.
He bears my blame on the cross of shame. Surely this was God's Son!

I watch Him die, Christ the crucified, "It is finished," I hear Him say.
I bow before the Sovereign Lord for a debt I can never repay.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend.
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever;
and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.

He dies for me, How can it be? Surely this was God's Son!

***Prayer of Dedication**

First Reading

Luke 22:1-13

Marney Weis

Anthem

What Wonderful Love is This

Arr. Alice Cooper/
Robert Shaw

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, sinking 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.

Second Reading

Luke 22:14-23

Randy Page

Meditation

The Power of the Towel

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Hymn #213

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution (Responsive)

One: When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up; when all had been prepared, and he shared his last meal with his friends, the Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

All: When you eat the bread, remember me. This is my body broken for you.

One: When the meal was finished, the Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples.

All: When you drink the wine, remember me. This is my blood shed for you.

One: Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the One Who died to bring us life.

All: And we will keep sharing this meal until he returns. Amen.

Communion

Sharing of the Body

Please hold your bread and we will all partake as one.

Sharing of the Cup

You may partake of the cup as you are ready.

***Hymn #148**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

After the final hymn we will remain in silence until dismissed with the prayer of blessing. Please leave in silence remembering the stark reality of this night so long ago.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Good Friday

**The sanctuary will be open tomorrow from 12 to 1 PM
for a time of personal prayer and reflection.**

Easter Sunday

**A celebration of the resurrection
with festive worship at 10:30 AM.**