

Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023

Welcome

Centring Music

Beneath the Cross of Jesus/Moonlight Sonata

by Beethoven and Frederick C. Maker, arranged by Don Wyrzten

Call to Worship

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

Gather us in Your Spirit of deep love this night.

Build-up in us the promise of your love;

a love that chooses forgiveness over retaliation.

A love that chooses to give to others rather than hoard for ourselves.

A love that chooses to be wide rather than narrow.

Build-up the strength of your selfless love within us, as we worship.

Prepare us for all the opportunities to give ourselves away in love, in your name.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of:

Hope that can shine in darkness.

Joy that can replace fear.

Faith that we have in Jesus Christ.

Hymn: **Said Judas to Mary**

(Voices United 129, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6)

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1 Said Judas to Mary, 'Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?' 'I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord and I'll wipe it away with my hair,' she said, 'wipe it away with my hair.'

2 'Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor - this ointment, it could have been sold, and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold,' he said, 'buy with the silver and gold.'

4 Said Jesus to Mary, 'Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will. Tomorrow you say I am going away, but my body I leave with you still,' he said, 'my body I leave with you still.'

5 'The poor of the world are my body,' he said, 'to the end of the world they shall be; the bread and the blankets you give to the poor you'll know, you have given to me,' he said, 'you'll know you have given to me.'

6 'My body will hang on the cross of the world, tomorrow,' he said, 'not today, and Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all my sorrow away,' he said, 'wash all my sorrow away.'

Scripture: John 13: 1-9

Choir Anthem: Because You Came

Shirley Erena Murray, Amanda Huserg

Prayer

Oh, Servant God, kneeling, bending, serving us, take our dusty journeys and wrap your hands around;

**every path we have trodden in life,
every word that has taken us to hurtful scenes,
every thought that has moved us toward the shadows;
every act that has led us into harmful places.
Wash away the pain as we confess and you forgive. Amen.**
You are invited to come forward for the washing of hands.

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Loving God, with bowl and towel there is compassion.

Help us to be compassionate in the world.

With bowl and towel there is humility.

Help us to be humble in the world.

With bowl and towel there is understanding.

Help us to seek justice in the world.

With bowl and towel there is Jesus.

**We affirm our following of God's chosen one, whose
faithfulness in us is endless.**

Now let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

Hymn: In You there is a Refuge (More Voices 84)

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1 In you there is a refuge,
in you we find our peace.
When all we know is chaos
may our trust in you increase.
In you there is a silence,
in you our minds are clear.
When all we hear is discord
may your quiet draw us near.

2 In you there is a vision,
in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert
may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future,
in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness
may you show us a new day.

Parting

In the distance, one can hear footsteps moving through the olive grove. **Whose they are, we do not know.**
(a candle is extinguished)

In the distance, one can hear the subtle rattle of weapons on breastplates. **The circle is tightening, the wind changes direction.** (a candle is extinguished)

In the distance one can hear muffled voices, the rattling of thirty pieces of silver. **It is the moment of betrayal.**
(a candle is extinguished)

Postlude: Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

American Folk Hymn, arranged by Jack Schrader

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