

Wandering Heart: Finding Faith with Peter

Thursday, March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

Centring Music

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 **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.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** (More Voices 18)

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving.
I'll be living sanctuary for you. (Repeat 2x)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

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.

We are nourished by this meal, renewed by your grace and comforted by your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn **You Are My Body** (More Voices 200)

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- 1 "You are my body!" Joy and wonder!
Assembled in our Saviour's name,
our scattered spirits gladly gather
the Way of Jesus to proclaim.
Come Spirit, weave us into one,
to show and tell what God has done.
- 2 "This is my body!" Simple Glory!
A cup of wine, a loaf of bread feed us,
and join us to the story of Christ,
arisen from the dead, whose Life,
for ever flowing free,
enlivens all: O taste and see!
- 3 At one with Christ, around the table
where all may eat, and nothing pay,
where all are honoured and enabled,
and none are scorned or turned away,
we prophesy, with broken bread,
a world where every child is fed.

- 4 We are your body! One in Spirit,
dear Christ, with all your church,
we pray your body language to inherit.
Come, lead us in your truthful way!
To seek for what is fair and right:
shall be our duty and delight!

Parting

On this night to fellowship,
there are shadows that start to descend.

In the distance, one can hear footsteps
moving through the olive grove.

Whose they are, we do not know.
(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

John Jacob Niles

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