



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

April 1, 2021

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday

Have you ever wondered why John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God, and why this is exactly the type of introduction his listeners wanted to hear? This service tells that lamb story as it appears in the Gospels of John and Mark.

The first part of the service is a conversation between the pastor and a student, followed by a dramatic reading of the Passion. We will then celebrate the sacrament together. We hope you will be blessed by this special service.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of remembrance for us.

We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us:

**the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant;
proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

A MEDITATION ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

A Dramatized Service of the Lord's Supper by Dianne Van Rooyen

Many thanks to Ryan Tasevski, Pat Loeswick, and Mackintosh Barker

A conversation between a pastor and student

HYMN: *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)* #518

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:1-39

HYMN: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* #521

TIME OF CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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 will not bind ourselves to you.

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.

An extended time of silent confession is appropriate on Maundy Thursday.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... forever praising your steadfast love and glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from this night to your promised day. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *In Remembrance of Me* #521

BENEDICTION

(All hymn lyrics are found on the last page)

Hymns

“Your Only Son” (Lamb of God)

1. 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)

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.

Oh wash me in His precious Blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

2. 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)

3. 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)

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown.

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior, 'tis I deserve thy place.
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

“In Remembrance of Me”

1. In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

2. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too,
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

3. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

