

FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

for by grace you have been saved through faith



Order of the Worship of God

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Maundy Thursday

Reflection & Preparation

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and on which he was betrayed. The name derives from the Latin *mandatum novum*, the "new commandment" that Jesus taught his disciples on the night he washed their feet: "Love one another, even as I have loved you." Christians have observed Maundy Thursday for centuries as a vivid reminder of Christ's self-giving love and his call to us to share in that love and to make it known to others.

Please turn off or silence all communication devices. Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† *Congregation standing*

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Musical prelude

† The Call to Worship

God calls His people to worship

Pastor: We remember this night as the night of our Lord's betrayal. We remember this night as a dark one, yet one that led to the breaking of the dawn.

People: We remember this night as a night leading to deep sorrow, yet one that will give way to our deepest joy.

Pastor: Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have love you, you are also to love one another."

All: On this night, Jesus the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. On this night, Jesus yearned to be with his disciples in the upper room. On this night, Jesus took a towel and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

Pastor: On this night, Jesus our God gave us a holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and reign with him in the New Creation. Amen.

From Deuteronomy 6 and 1 Corinthians 8

† A Prayer for the Night

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, Source of all love, on the night in which he was given up, or rather gave himself up, for the life of the world, the Word who was made flesh, gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he loved them. Write this new commandment upon our hearts; give us the will to serve others, as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

We seek the Lord's presence among us

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

*Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.*

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

*Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.*

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

*Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.*

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His Body joined, we are in Him made one.

*Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.*

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Holy and merciful God:

All: We confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven by you.

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Pastor: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess to you, O God, all our past and present unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, as well as our self-indulgent appetites and ways of exploiting other people:

People: This we confess to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Our anger at our own frustration and envy of those more fortunate than ourselves:

People: This we confess to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comfort and our dishonesty in daily life and work:

People: This we confess to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us:

People: This we confess to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Pastor: For false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us.

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Pastor: For our waste and pollution of your creation and lack of concern for those who come after us.

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Pastor: Restore us, O God, let your anger depart from us.

**All: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Song of Confession

Trisagion

Trisagion (Holy God)

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox liturgical text

Music by Fernando Ortega

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The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - - - ly God,

ho - ly and might - - y,

ho - - - ly im - mort - al One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy, Have mercy...
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

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Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; for as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

† Hymn of Gratitude

We rest in our Father's love

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Reading

Psalm 116

Pastor: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and
pleas for mercy.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will
call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of
Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O
LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is
merciful.

**People: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was
brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to
your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with
you.**

Pastor: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

People: I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”; I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Pastor: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

People: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

Pastor: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

All: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

New Testament Reading

John 13:1-20

Reader: This is the Glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: Glory be to you, Lord Christ!

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Our God and Father, on this night we hear and see and even taste afresh of your amazing love for us in Jesus. For on this night, we hear how we have been loved to the uttermost.

People: On this night, we see our King's love in his stooping down in humility to wash away our uncleanness.

Pastor: On this night we trustingly taste afresh of this love through our participation in the meal and in hearing the rhythmic words, "This is my body which is given for you" and "This is my blood which is shed for you."

People: On this night, we see our King's love in his stooping down in humility to wash away our sins.

Pastor: O our Father, on this night we are confronted by and surrounded with the suffering love of Jesus, suffering love that has made us clean, that has washed us wholly with blood, with the blood of your dear Son shed on the tree of Calvary. On this night, we ponder again those words spoken to us by our King, "A new commandment I give to you; that you love one another even as I have loved you."

People: On this night, we see our King's love in his stooping down in humility to wash away our uncleanness.

Pastor: O our Father, may this suffering love that we have received flow forth from our lives, reaching out to one another, so that this love of all loves, this love unto death, might be made known through us, Your people. On this night, come to us, mark us afresh with the cross of Jesus' suffering love. Do so, for the sake of your loving and faithful name.

People: Lord Jesus, we praise and magnify your name. For whom do we have in heaven or on earth besides you? You are our all. You are our life. You are our love. Thank you for your humble sacrifice on our behalf. May we always live under the shadow of your cross, dreading to profane your good and holy name. Amen.

The Homily

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another, even as Jesus has loved you.

People: Lord, give us love for one another.

Pastor: By this will all people know that we are his disciples: if we have love for one another.

During this time, greet one another in the love of Christ.

After a time, we will regather for Holy Communion.

The Encouragement

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God; for you are God inexpressible, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever-existing, eternally the same, you and your only begotten Son and your Holy Spirit. You brought us from non-existence into being, and when we had fallen away, you raised us up again, and did not cease to do all things until you brought us up to Heaven, and bestowed on us your Kingdom which is to come. For all these things we give thanks to you, and to your only begotten Son and to your Holy Spirit; for all things of which we know, and of which we know not, for the benefits revealed and unrevealed, which you have done to us. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and declaring:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Response of the People

Pastor: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon you, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for yours is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

Holy Communion

Statements for Communion:

“The body of Christ for you.”

“The blood of Christ for you.”

“You have new life in Christ.”

“You have full forgiveness in Christ.”

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice)

Communion Song

Behold the Lamb

(verses 1-2 as bread is passed)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

Prayer for the Bread

Pastor: We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are merciful and we trust in your mercy. Grant us therefore, merciful Lord, so to eat this bread in thankfulness and in communion with you as well as our brothers and sisters.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.

Behold the Lamb

(verse 3 as the cup is passed)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

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Prayer for the Cup

Pastor: O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us as we drink this cup of forgiveness, remembering that you shed your holy blood for us on the cursed tree.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The blood of Christ shed for you. Drink of it all of you. For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Thanks be to you, our Lord Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you bore for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, Brother, and Lord, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Understanding Holy Communion

“For Christ our passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast.” 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.
– *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. – *Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:11-12*
3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing.
– *Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17*
4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular “communicants” at the Lord’s Table.

*"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."
– 1 Corinthians 11:28-29*

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Hymn
Rock of Ages

Hymn #500

Final Reading

John 18:1-11

Departing Song

Behold the Lamb
(final verse)

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Please depart in silence.

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 7:1

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

From Galatians 6:8

All: Amen!

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