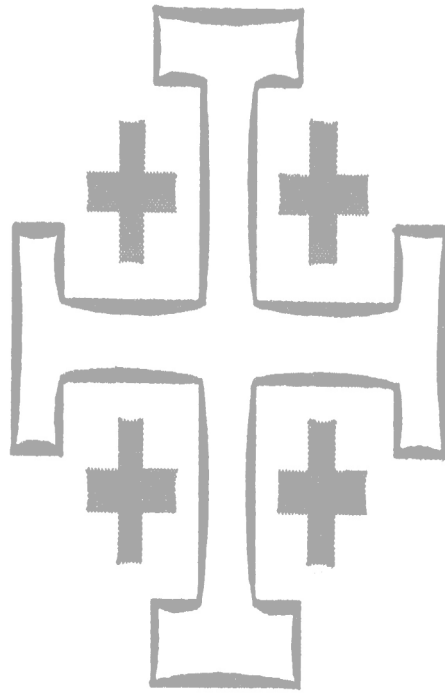


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2022

Seven o'clock

About our Worship: This service blends sacred themes connected to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The first half of the service explores the evening Jesus spent with his disciples in an upper room, providing an example of servanthood by washing their feet and sharing a last meal that we reenact tonight in the celebration of communion. The second half explores the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross which point to his character and our calling. The extinguishing of candles and dimming of lights symbolize the flight of the disciples and the approaching hour of the crucifixion. We conclude with the stripping of the altar and depart in silence, reflecting on the depth of God's love and anticipating the light of Easter soon to dawn.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Maureen Howell
Paul Johnson, arr.

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 116

LEADER: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

PEOPLE: **Because you listened to me, I will call on you as long as I live.**

LEADER: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

PEOPLE: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

LEADER: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

PEOPLE: **I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

*The Hymn "We Come as Guests Invited" NYLAND

**1 We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken;
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.**

**2 We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.**

Text: Timothy Dudley Smith, 1975

Music: Traditional Finnish Melody

*The Invocation

The Solo "Nearer, My God to Thee" Warren Howell
Tom Trenney, arr.

The Call to Confession (responsive)

from Psalm 116

LEADER: 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, save my life!”**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Celebration of Communion

We celebrate communion this evening by coming forward, receiving a piece of bread, and then drinking from the cup offered. Other than the gluten-free station, the bread is Ukrainian Kolach bread, a sign of our deep concern for people with whom we have many connections, and as shared in this meal, a symbol of hope in light of God's ability to transform even the tragic brutality of a cross into the gift of salvation for the world.

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread and the Cup

The Musical Meditation

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Maureen Howell

David Gale, arr.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

The Word of Compassion

Luke 23:33–34

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Hymn, 212

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

(Stanzas 1 and 2)

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Song

"Jesus, Remember Me" JESUS, REMEMBER ME
(Congregation invited to join on repeats)

Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1978

The Word of Love

John 19:25-27

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Hymn, 531

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

The Word of Solidarity

Mark 15:33-34

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Hymn, 208

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

MARTYRDOM

The Word of Hope

John 19:28

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Song

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

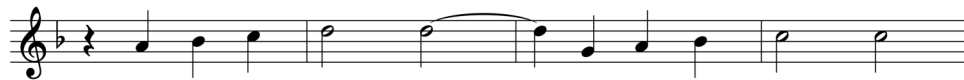
(Congregation on repeat)



Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra él vi - vi - mos
When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,



y si mo - ri - mos, pa-ra él mo - ri - mos.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,



so-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.
we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

Text: Romans 14:8

Music: Traditional Mexican Melody

The Word of Finality

John 19:29–30

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

The Hymn, 213

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

The Word of Trust

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Meditation

Extinguishing the Candle

Silence

The Congregational Reflection (responsive)

Isaiah 53:4–6, 9

LEADER: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

PEOPLE: **But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

PEOPLE: **He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death although he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

*The Hymn, 218

“Were You There?”

WERE YOU THERE?

Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Where you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?

— Traditional African-American Spiritual

The Stripping of the Altar

A highly vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane is through stripping the altar table and removing all textile hangings and candles. This practice dates from the seventh century and began for the utilitarian purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation of Easter. But the stark, bare church reflected so clearly the fitting tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. The ceremony is done in complete silence.

*Depart in Silence

*The congregation may stand.

Worship leaders for this service are: Caleb Carter, Catherine Carter, Christopher Chapman, Maureen Howell, Warren Howell, Lynn Lingafelt, and Leah Reed.

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Easter Services

6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service, Capitol Square
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary