

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Hood

Prelude

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
Derek Hakes, arr.

Evening Bells

Introit

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1982

Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

LEADER: I love the Lord,

PEOPLE: **because he has heard my voice and my supplications.**

LEADER: The Lord has inclined his ear to me,

PEOPLE: **therefore I will call on him 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: O LORD, I am your servant.

PEOPLE: **You have loosed my bond.**

ALL: **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice, and call on the name of the LORD. Amen.**

COMMUNION AND WASHING OF HANDS

Gospel Reading

John 13:1

Michael Hood

Now 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.

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
D.C.
wom-an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Words and Music: John B. Foley, SJ, 1978

Christian Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23–24

Lynn Lingafelt

²³ For 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, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Blessing of the Bread

Response

LET US BREAK BREAD

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
As I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual

Christian Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 11:25–26

Lynn Lingafelt

²⁵ In 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.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Blessing of the Cup

Response

**Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
As I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Gospel Reading

John 13:2–11

Sabrina Tyndall

The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you^[c] are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

Blessing of the Basin

*Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

CHEREPONI

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,
3. These are the ones we should serve,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
Var - ied in col - or and race,
These are the ones we should love:
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
All these are neigh - bors to us and you.
This is the way we should live with you.

D.C.

Words: Tom Colvin, 1963

Music: Ghana folk song, adapt. Tom Colvin

Communion and Hand-Washing

CONFESSION

Gospel Reading

John 13:12-17

Sabrina Tyndall

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Call to Confession

Christopher Chapman

Quite often we prepare our hearts for communion with confession, but communion can also move us to confession. We feel a deep and intimate connection to God, which is glorious yet also unsettling. We do not feel worthy of this experience. Especially as we share the bread and cup this ominous evening, we realize the cost of love and feel the weight on this moment. Thus, we open our hearts now to God.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

LEADER: Loving God, we like to think we are different from the characters in the biblical story,

PEOPLE: **but somewhere deep down, we know we are not.**

LEADER: Like Judas, we betray you with our thoughts and actions.

PEOPLE: **Like Peter, we deny our connection to you when it is inconvenient.**

LEADER: We want to love you with all our being and follow Christ no matter what,

PEOPLE: **but when push comes to shove, we often concede to other priorities.**

LEADER: Forgive the smallness of our faith and the insincerity of our commitment.

PEOPLE: **Cleanse us and create the possibility for new life within us.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God’s love for us is not diminished by anything we say or do. Even those who abandon Jesus in his time of need find a place in God’s realm. God hears our cries of despair, sees the genuine yearning of our hearts, and embraces us in compassion. We are forgiven and set free to begin again. Thanks be to God!

**The Lord is my song; The Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; The Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.**

Text: Taizé Community, 1982

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1982

Gospel Reading

John 13:31b–35

Christopher Chapman

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Postlude

*The congregation may stand.

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Friday, April 18

- 12:00 Good Friday service (sanctuary)
- 12:30 Good Friday lunch (fellowship hall)

Sunday, April 20

- 6:30 Easter Sunrise Service (Capitol Square)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship and luncheon (301/302)

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