

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022

7:30 P.M.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-36

John 13: 1-17, 34 - 35

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Prelude

Largo from Trio Sonata No. 2 in C minor, BWV 526/2

J. S. Bach

### Call to Worship

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

We gather in the growing darkness.

**Our Lenten journey has brought us here.**

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

**water for washing, a towel for service,**

**bread of his body, cup of new covenant.**

Jesus gives us an example and a commandment for living:

**to love one another as God first loved us.**

In love, let us worship.

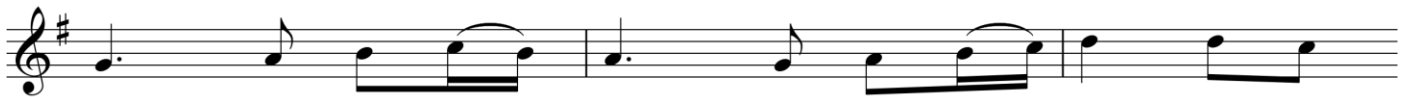
### Hymn #94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY



1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

## Call to Confession

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny and even betray Jesus, our Holiest of Friends. We pray in full confidence that Jesus washes us with forgiveness and love:

## Prayer of Confession

**Gentle and compassionate Jesus, you call us to serve others as you first served us. We confess the ways we fail to follow your example: we turn away from people in need; we choose arrogance over humility; we try to hide our vulnerability from others. In your mercy, forgive us; wash us clean of all our sin; and guide our feet to walk with you always. We ask it for your love's sake; Amen.**

## Moment of Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

*from Psalm 116*

"Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.  
The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, God saved me.  
God has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling."

Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Response

What Wondrous Love is This, verses 1 and 3

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
won - drous love is this Lamb that caused the Lord of  
God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!

## Prayer for Illumination

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

God of hospitality, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Shine the light of your Word into the shadows of our lives and teach us to follow the example of Jesus: to serve as he served and to love as he loved; Amen.

## Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. This 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. For 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 judgements: I am the LORD. The 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. This 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

John 13: 1-17, 34 – 35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them .... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Moment of Silence

## Offering

In gratitude for the bounty God has shared with us, we offer our thanksgivings, our gifts, our lives and ourselves, that we might love and serve in Jesus' name.

*The offering on Maundy Thursday is designated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
to serve those in need in our community.*

## Offertory

Abide With Me

Arr. Dale Wood

## Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

*Hymnal page 14*

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

From the night of His arrest through all following generations, Jesus has met us here, at this Table. We belong at this feast whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt; whether we are first among saints or last among scoundrels; or whether we are somewhere in between. In bread broken and cup poured out, we remember Christ's love for us and give thanks. Let us join the whole communion of saints as we keep this feast.

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right ...

... therefore, we join our voices with all those who have come before us, worshipping you with unending praise:

**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!**

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ has risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

... we pray in Jesus' name and as he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymnal page 16*

### The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 36

As the Apostle Paul wrote, "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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come."

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### The Communion of the People

## Prayer Following Communion

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

God of all mercies, here at your table we have been fed by a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table, for serving us with towel, for feeding us with bread of life, and for offering the cup of salvation to us, even us. In humility and hope, we go out into this night to await your promised day when we will share the feast at your table in eternal glory; Amen.

### Hymn

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

CHARLESTOWN

1. Hear, O Lord, my plea for jus - tice; lis - ten  
 2. Test my heart for af - flic - tion; pu - ri -  
 3. Keep me, Lord, in its sure pro - tec - tion, as the  
 4. In its wake, send vin - di - ca - tion; to its

to my heart - felt prayer. In your just de -  
 fy my soul with fire; let my mor - tal  
 ap - ple of your eye. Shel my ter me - be -  
 dark - ness, show your face. Bring me to my

lib - er - a - tion may I find re - demp - tion there.  
 tongue speak wis - dom, righ - teous - ness be my de - sire.  
 neath your shad - ow when my hour of death draws nigh.  
 res - ur - rec - tion clothed in gar - ments of your grace.

### Psalm of Remembrance

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let God deliver— let the Lord rescue the one in whom God delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God; stand in awe, all you offspring of Israel! For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; the Lord did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear God. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God. For dominion belongs to the LORD who rules over the nations. To God,

indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before the Lord shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for the Lord. Posterity will serve God; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God the Lord has done it.

**Stripping of the Sanctuary**

**Depart in Silence**