

Maundy Thursday Service
Massanutten Presbyterian Church
April 14, 2022

Jesus Gathers with His Disciples in the Upper Room

Pre-Service Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* -Hobby

*Opening Words

In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

a towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:

to love one another as he has loved us.

This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,

when we love each other.

*Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* 203

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

And still you love us - you have loved us to the end.

We have denied you,
And we have denied our calling to serve one another.
We have betrayed you,
And we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.
Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
Teach us to love and serve you faithfully
and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us;
In your holy name we pray.
Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

The Lord Jesus has been glorified and God has been glorified in him.
The promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done!
Thanks be to God - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Anthem

Of Tears and Sorrows

-Martin

*Surely He hath borne our griefs
And hath carried our sorrows.*

*He was wounded for our transgressions
He was bruised for all our sin.
And the chastisement of our peace was upon Him
And with His stripes we are healed.*

Kyrie Eleison

*Surely He hath borne our griefs
And hath carried our sorrows.*

Jesus Shows His Disciples How to Serve

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-20

Meditation

*Hymn

Loaves were Broken Words were Spoken

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*Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

Jesus Shares the Supper with His Disciples

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.

It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their 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.**

All glory and blessing are yours, O Holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

Amen.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

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 Christ we pray, Amen.

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-46

Stripping of the Church

(We will move to the back of the sanctuary.)

*Psalm 22 (selected verses)

The sanctuary will be stripped during the reading of the psalm. The service will end when the sanctuary lights are extinguished. The church then moves to the Cross and tomb. We will remember this tomorrow night as we gather to remember the Passion of the Lord and wait for Easter to dawn.