



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18, 2019

## GATHERING

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*God gathers us all and calls us by his grace.*

### **Prelude**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

Jeff Hummel

### **Preparation for Worship**

John 1:29

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God,

**People: Who takes away the sin of the world.**

### **Silent Preparation for Worship**

*Let's quiet our hearts in preparation for worship.*

### **† Call to Worship**

Leader: On this night,

**People: Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

Leader: On this night,

**People: Jesus took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example of servanthood and love.**

Leader: On this night,

**People: Jesus gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
may participate in his death and resurrection.**

Leader: On this night,

**People: Jesus, the Lamb of God,  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.**

### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **† Song of Praise**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

#175 in the Hymnal  
#168 in the Hymnal

**†** *The cross indicates standing, as you are able.*

## CONFESSING

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*God invites us to be honest with him about ourselves.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord Jesus: like Judas, we have betrayed you;  
like Peter, we have denied you;  
and like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.  
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.

**People: Lead us once again to your table,  
and unite us to yourself.  
You are the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Words of Comfort**

From Psalm 103:11–13

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him.

**People: As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## CONFESSING

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### † Song of Assurance

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

## PROCLAIMING

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*God speaks to us through his word.*

### **Scripture Reading**

John 13:1–11

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

### **Reflection**

Nan Clarke

## PROCLAIMING

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### Song

“O Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.  
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

### Scripture Reading

John 13:12–20

<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup>“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

<sup>18</sup>“I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’

<sup>19</sup>“I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. <sup>20</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.”

### Reflection

Corey Widmer

## RESPONDING

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*We respond to God's word.*

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

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

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

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

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father,  
you have made us in your image and for yourself.  
You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.  
God, our Father,

**People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.  
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home.  
God, our Father,

**People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.  
By his Incarnation—

**People: You have found us.**

Leader: By his Death—

**People: You have forgiven us.**

Leader: By his Resurrection—

**People: You have freed us.**

Leader: God, our Father,

**People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

## RESPONDING

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Leader: In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, saying:

**People: 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.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

From 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

**People: One with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in mission to all the world,**

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory  
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.  
We cry, Maranatha!

**People: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## RESPONDING

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### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us.

We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

### **Prayer of Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## RESPONDING

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### **Communion Song**

“Holy Communion”

Worship Team

Gracious Father, we give you praise  
And thanks for this holy communion,  
The body and blood of your beloved Son.

*The body is broken; God's love poured open  
To make us new. Lord, make us new.*

Abba Father, we bless your name  
And take part in this holy communion.  
Make us all one, to love like your Son.

### **Communion Song**

“The Garden Call”

Choir

Come to dark Gethsemane; hear the Savior weeping  
Underneath an olive tree while his friends are sleeping.  
On the wind there comes a cry; amid the palms, a midnight sigh.  
The garden is calling to you. The garden is calling to you.

On his knees, Christ prays alone, calling out in anguish.  
The air is still and cold as stone; his heart begins to languish.  
Crying out with wounded song, he knows his time will not be long.  
The garden is calling to you. The garden is calling to you.

Go from dark Gethsemane; walk the path of sorrows.  
In the distance, Calvary. A cross will rise tomorrow.  
Come and learn the way of grace; beyond the cross are songs of praise.  
The garden is calling to you, to you. The garden is calling to you.

## RESPONDING

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### **Communion Song**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Worship Team

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned.  
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.

## SENDING

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*God sends us into the world as his witnesses.*

### † **Song of Commission**

“Psalm 126 (Although We Are Weeping)”

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of your kingdom for the day you will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say, “He has done great things!”  
The nations will sing songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

### † **Commission and Benediction**

From 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Leader: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who loved us and through grace gave us  
eternal comfort and good hope,  
comfort your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good work and word.

**People: Amen.**

### **Postlude**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
(Dale Wood)

Jeff Hummel

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**Thank you for coming to Third tonight.** We hope you can join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. We’ll be having four services, two at 9:00 and two at 11:00 a.m. Visit [thirdrva.org](http://thirdrva.org) to learn more.