



Memorial Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Cindy Berry

OPENING SENTENCES

In the past God spoke through the prophets
at many times and in various ways,

**but in the last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things,
and through whom he made the universe.**

**Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God
a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.
Praise the Lord!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

from Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God: do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
(sing three times)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

RESPONSE

When Israel Was in Egypt Land

GO DOWN MOSES

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

Chorus: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go! (Chorus)

PSALM 116:12, 18-19 *What Shall I Render to the Lord* MARTYRDOM

What shall I render to the Lord: what shall my offering be,
for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,
and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

RESPONSE *In Remembrance of Me* RED

Trio: Lucy Lanning, Charlotte Lovett & Vince Leseney

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION Tracy L. Evans

PRAYER

*HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Were You There* Calvin Taylor

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
you who have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
you who created the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillsides are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Come, Lord Jesus!

THE THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our peace at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

...Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, with all creation in all time, we sing a hymn to your glory:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

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, hosanna in the highest.

THE INSTITUTION

THE MEMORIAL

We shall do as our Lord commands. We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that he took upon himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin. We confess that he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and suffered death that we might live. We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God, and that he shall come again in glory to his new creation. We do this now, and until he comes again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

SONG OF SUPPLICATION

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

INVITATION AND DEDICATION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Hosanna in the highest!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION

SONG

Eat This Bread

from Taizé

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and you will not thirst.
(repeat until all have been served the bread)

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

from Taizé

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
(repeat until all have been served the cup)

DRAMATIC READING

Barabas Contemplates the Cross

Patricia Souder

CONCLUSION

Our Lord suffered, died, and was buried.

But on the third day he arose again.

Behold, O God, your family: your son Jesus did not hesitate for its sake to give himself into the hands of wicked people and to suffer agony on the cross—your Son who now lives and reigns with you, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RESPONSE

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Depart in silence.