



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP
West End Presbyterian Church
April 9, 2020 7PM

Tonight's service commemorates the night Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, washed the disciples' feet, prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, and was betrayed, arrested, and taken away for trial.

*Called Maundy Thursday,
(from mandatum, the Latin origin of "mandate")
it refers to Christ's mandate to serve one another,
which He demonstrated by the washing of feet.*

*Tonight's offering will be used to provide support
for the needy in our church and community
and for ministries approved by the
West End Presbyterian Church Diaconate.*

*This year's Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday
worship services are drawn from the New Testament Gospel of John.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Agony
George Herbert, 1633

Philosophers have measur'd mountains,
Fathom'd the depths of the seas, of states, and kings,
Walk'd with a staff to heav'n, and traced fountains:
But there are two vast, spacious things,
The which to measure it doth more behave:
Yet few there are that sound them; Sin and Love.

Who would know Sin, let him repair
Unto mount Olivet; there shall he see
A man so wrung with pains, that all his hair,
His skin, his garments bloody be.
Sin is that press and vice, which forceth pain
To hunt his cruel food through ev'ry vein.

Who knows not Love, let him assay
And taste that juice, which on the cross a pike
Did set again abroach, then let him say
If ever he did taste the like.
Love is that liquor sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-15

I love the LORD, for He heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.

**Because He turned His ear to me,
I will call on Him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the LORD
for all His goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His faithful servants.**

INVOCATION

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high:
Here they trusted Him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,
You are worthy Lamb of God!

*"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood...to Him be glory
and power for ever and ever!" -Revelation 19:12
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The Passover

from Exodus 12:1-13

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt...“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household...It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”

NONE OTHER LAMB

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in Heaven or in sea,
No hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside thee, none beside thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me.
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to thee, cries out to thee.

*All who labor and are heavy laden,
Come unto me and I will give you rest.*

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head
No home, but thee; no home but thee

*All who labor and are heavy laden,
Come unto me and I will give you rest,
And I will give you rest, And I will give you rest.*

*"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you."
-Psalm 73:25*

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A READING OF JOHN 13:1-35

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For

he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

One of You Will Betray Me

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

A New Commandment

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON

Pastor Kevin Greene

CONFESSION OF SIN

from the Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silence

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner" Luke 18:13

Ancient Greek hymn, 4th century; arr. Trenton Durham, 2019

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!"

-John 1:29

OFFERING

Tonight's offering provides support for the needy in our church and community and for ministries approved by the West End Presbyterian Church Diaconate. If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please either mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229) or visit our website (www.wepc.org/resources/giving) for online giving options.

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;

And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,

Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,

On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.

What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r,

Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be,

Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless.

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting, where grave thy victory?

I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes.

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,

In life in death, O Lord, abide with me.

"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." -Luke 24:29

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A READING OF JOHN 13:36-38, 18:1-27

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

BY THY MERCY

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear.
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us,
Good Lord, good Lord.*

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within...

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace...

In the solemn hour of dying,
On the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."
-Psalm 86:5

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BENEDICTION

*Tonight's sermon was given by **Pastor Kevin Greene**. Worship was led by **WEPC Elder & Director of Neighborhood Outreach Changjwok Deng**. Congregational singing was led by **Gordon Collier & WEPC Worship Arts Coordinator, Becca Wethered**. Scripture was read by **Avery Simmons**. Tonight's live stream was managed by **Pastor Joe Brown, WEPC Elder Rick McWhorter, Jay Smith, and WEPC Elder & Youth Director Tim Cornwell**.*

If you are visiting with us, we hope that you will join us for tomorrow's Good Friday Service at 7PM and this Sunday's 10:30AM Easter Service on the WEPC website [here](#).

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