

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP West End Presbyterian Church April 1, 2021 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 liturgy is drawn from the New Testament Gospel of Matthew.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

"Derive great confidence and delight from this sacrament, as being a testimony that we form one body with Christ, so that everything which is His we may call our own."

John Calvin

"'Do this,' He cried till time shall end, 'In memory of your dying Friend. Meet at My table, and record The love of your departed Lord'."

Isaac Watts

WELCOME

Congregation, please rise and remain standing through the singing of **O Sacred Head Now Wounded.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 78:14-20

In the daytime He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.

He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Yet they sinned still more against Him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.

They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.

They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed.

Can He also give bread or provide meat for His people?"

INVOCATION

adapted prayer of Thomas Cranmer

Lord God,

You taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, For whoever lives without love is counted dead before You. Send Your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, which is the bond of peace and all virtues. Grant this for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD, I NEED YOU

"Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1 Text/Tune: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher. ©2013 sixsteps Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart...

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You Every hour I need You My one Defense, my Righteousness Oh God, how I need You Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me...

The Passover

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. 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.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities." Isaiah 53:5

Bernard of Clairvaux (11th century); Tune: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler (1601); adapted J.S. Bach (1729). Public Domain.

O sacred Head, now wounded With grief and shame weighed down Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown O sacred Head, what glory What bliss till now was Thine Yet, though despised and gory I joy to call Thee mine What Thou, my Lord, has suffered Was all for sinners' gain Mine, mine was the transgression But Thine the deadly pain Lo, here I fall, my Savior 'Tis I deserve Thy place Look on me with Thy favor Vouchsafe to me Thy grace

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend For this, Thy dying sorrow Thy pity without end O make me Thine forever And should I fainting be Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee

**Congregation, please be seated.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17

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.

A New Commandment

John 13:34-35

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.

MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Greene

Jesus, His Disciples, and the Passover Feast *Matthew 26:14-75*

Judas to Betray Jesus

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Congregation, please rise and remain standing through the singing of **Here. O My Lord.

BREAK EVERY CHAIN

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." Philippians 2:10 Will Reagan © 2009 Capitol CMG Genesis, United Pursuit Music (admin. Capitol CMG Publishing). Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus There is power in the name of Jesus To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

All sufficient sacrifice
So freely given, such a price
Bought our redemption, heaven's gates swing wide

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as

against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

HERE, O MY LORD

"Is it not a participation in Christ?" I Corinthians 10:16 Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); Tune: Alex Mejias, ©2009 High Street Hymns. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face Here would I touch and handle things unseen Here grasp with firmer hand, eternal grace And all my weariness upon Thee lean

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need No other Arm save Thine to lean upon It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing Blood Here is my Robe, Thy Gift, my Refuge, Peace Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord, my God Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord, my God

Jesus Before Caiaphas

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Peter Denies Jesus

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and

said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Silence

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY

"Have mercy on me God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1

Becca Wethered. Lent 2021.

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy upon us



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 1:29

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

^{**}Congregation, please be seated.

There will be two tables on the floor at the front of the sanctuary. Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family. Feel free to take additional elements to bring back to your seats to serve others in your family or group. After all are served and have returned to their seats, we will take the bread and the cup together as a congregation. We recognize that some in the congregation may wish to abstain from partaking of the Lord's Supper for health reasons.

Wine or juice with gluten free bread are available in the doublecups. The wafer is in the bottom cup. Juice and a wheat-flour wafer are in the pre-packaged cups. The wafer is secured in the top of the cup.

The elements of communion are prepared by healthy, trained members of WEPC taking the utmost care to be sanitized, gloved, and masked.

The Elders and/or Deacons presiding over the Supper are gloved and masked, standing at a safe distance from each communion table. Know that they are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, please raise your hand and an Elder will come to serve you the elements. If you are unable to attend a worship service and desire Elders to come to your home to administer the Lord's Supper, please let the church office know.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the church office.

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 worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options.

ABIDE WITH ME

"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." Luke 24:29 Text: Henry Lyte (1847) Music: Justin Smith © 2007 Justin Smith Music. Used by permission. CCLI License # 708363

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, 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, 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, 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, Lord, abide with me

BENEDICTION

Tonight's sermon was given by Pastor Kevin Greene; worship was led by Elder BJ Huff; congregational singing was led by Sarah Jurewicz and Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered; Scripture was read by Melissa Daniels, Deacon Steven Hunn, David Younkins, Emily Wilks, and Hayes Wilks. Sound was managed by Jay Smith; Tonight's live stream was managed by Elder Tim Sinclair & Deacon Chris Scoggins.

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

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^{**}Congregation, please rise.