



Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024 7:30pm

This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name “Maundy Thursday” comes from the Latin mandatum novum, referring to the “new commandment” Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34).

SONG TO PREPARE

“Dreamscape”

by Patricia Hurlbutt

Jubilation! Ringers – Kathy Bures, director

*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Wright

One: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ our Passover Lamb,

All: Surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

One: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ,
our Teacher and Lord,

All: Knelt down to wash the disciples’ feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

One: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ,
the bread of heaven,

All: Shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

*SONG TO PRAISE

"Goodness of Jesus"

Praise Team/All

by City Alight

The Goodness of Jesus

(as published by City Alight Music)

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INTRO

♩ = 70 C F2/A C G/C F2/A

VERSE

♩ C G/C F2

1. Come you wea - ry heart now to Je - sus.
2. Come find what this world can - not of - fer.
3. Come and find your hope now in Je - sus.

7 C G/C F2 Am Am2/G C/E F

Come you an - xious soul now and see. There is per - fect love and com - fort in your tears.
Come and find your joy here com - plete. Taste the liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er thirst a - gain.
He is all He said He would be. Grace is o - ver - flow - ing from the Sav - iour's heart.

CHORUS

11 C/G G Csus C F C G F Am

Rest here in His won - drous peace. Oh the good - ness, the good - ness of Je - sus. Sat - is - fied, He is all that I
Rest here in His won - drous peace.
Rest here in His won - drous grace.

Gsus G Am F C/E F C/G G(4) C

16

need. May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the good - ness of Je - sus.

(1) 2, 3

21 F2/A C/G G(4) C F2/A C G/C F2/A

good - ness of Je - sus.

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INVITATION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SONG TO REFLECT

“Give Us Your Heart”

by Merritt, Tierce, Richards

Praise Team

& The Emerging Sound

*Your eyes are on the lowly though others look away.
Your feet run to the broken. Your hands are quick to save.
Make us like you, Lord.
You walk with the forgotten and offer them a home.
Adopting the unwanted and calling them your own.
Make us like you, Lord.*

*O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
Let the light of heaven shine as we step into the dark.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
All to see your kingdom come and death depart.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.*

*Let justice flow like a river in the desert.
Let the nations know that you will reign forever.
As the earth beholds the glory of the Savior. Let justice flow.*

*O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
Let the light of heaven shine as we step into the dark.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
All to see your kingdom come and death depart.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12: 1–4; 11–14 (NRSVue)

John Gilbert

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, 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 live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance

Scripture Reading

John 13: 1–17; 31–35 (NRSVue)

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I 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, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MEDITATION

Rev. Karen Wright

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Say: "This is the bread of life given for you."

Say: "This is the cup of hope poured out for you."

Responses might be "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

*(All are invited to come forward to a Table when prompted by the ushers.
The trays contain grape juice. Gluten free crackers are available.)*

Communion Music

"Clean"

by Natalie Grant

Praise Team

*I see shattered, you see whole. I see broken, but you see beautiful.
And you're helping me to believe you're restoring me piece by piece.
There's nothing too dirty that you can't make worthy.
You wash me in mercy, I am clean.*

*What was dead now lives again. My heart's beating, beating inside my chest.
I'm coming alive with joy and destiny, 'cause you're restoring me piece by piece.
There's nothing too dirty that you can't make worthy.
You wash me in mercy, I am clean.*

*Washed in the love of your sacrifice.
Your blood flowed and saved my life.
My humble soul has been purified, I am clean.*

Prayer after Communion

***SONG TO SEND**

"Holy Spirit"

by Torwalt

All

**There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No *thing* can compare; you're our living hope. Your presence.
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
in your presence, Lord.**

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.**

**Let us become more aware of your presence.
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.**

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.**

***CLOSING PRAYER**

**God, we receive the love of Christ. We receive his great example,
We receive the power and work he demonstrated by your spirit;
And we receive the commands he has given.
This is Christ's command: That we love one another. (*John 13:34*)
This is Christ's legacy which we receive as the gift of heaven:
Where once there was sacrifice, now there is mercy. (*Hosea 6:6*)
Where once there was flesh and blood,
Now there are bread and wine. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)
The mercy of God has been made known in the body of Christ.
The character of God has been made known in the work of Christ.
He has shown us a way forward, and we will follow the path of peace.**

***=If convenient/able, please stand.**

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The service is not over. It continues tomorrow evening at Good Friday Worship and concludes with our joyful celebration on Easter morning. The worship services are really one service providing us an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy. They invite us to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Last Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward new and everlasting life at Easter.

Good Friday Service

March 29, 7:30pm

As part of the Good Friday Service, Chancel Choir and a Chamber Instrumental Ensemble will present *Requiem* by Mark Hayes.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES – 9:00 AND 11:00AM

Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection this **Sunday, March 31**, in Grace Covenant's traditional unique way. As always this will be a glorious celebration with marvelous music, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, holy scripture, the sacrament of communion, and good, good news. Flowering of the cross will begin fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of each worship service. Invite a neighbor! (There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.)



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