



MAUNDY *Thursday*

Sixth Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2022—7:00 pm

About This Night

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12-14)

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). Worship on this holy night features the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and, in some traditions, an act of foot washing or another sign of mutual love and dedication, the Agape Meal, or Love Feast.

Prelude "Herzliebster Jesu, op. 122/2" Johannes Brahms
"Chorale Prelude on 'Caswall'" Peter Hurford

Introit "Within Our Darkest Night" Jacques Berthier
Martha Funderburgh, flute

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away.

Call to Worship Psalm 116:12-13

Leader: What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

All: Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*Hymn "This Is the Night" 206, soloist vs. 1; congregation vs. 2-5

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to do Your will. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in peace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set before you an example, that you also should do as I

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This Is the Night

Capo 1: (Em) (D) (Em) (D)
 Fm E^b Fm E^b

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) (C) (G) (Am) (C) (Bsus) (B7)
 Fm D^b A^b B^bm D^b Csus C7

when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
 he who de - stroy's our slav - er - y to sin;
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Am) (Em) (Bm7)
 A^b E^bsus E^b B^bm Fm Cm7

the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing:
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) (Am7) (Em) (Am7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
 D^b B^bm7 Fm B^bm7 Fm Cm7 Fm

where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

This text conveys well the paradox of despair and expectancy felt on Maundy Thursday. The somber repetition of "this night" here contrasts with and prepares for the joyful "this is the night" repeated in the *Exsultet*, the ancient Easter hymn at the lighting of the paschal candle.

have done to you." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Exchange of Peace

We ask that you please be mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around you

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

All: God of Exodus and Resurrection, You have promised to write Your law on our hearts. As we hear the reading of Your Word, teach us Your law of love, that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we may show forth the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26 (pg. 211)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Meditation

"On the Night When Jesus Was Betrayed"

Rev. Vincent Kolb

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on Your name that we might live, saying,

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom You have promised.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For those who are hungry and thirsty this day, and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share Your generous gifts, O God.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of Your people, giving thanks for all Your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: AMEN.

Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Saint-Saens

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer"

Malotte

Chelsea Cockburn, soprano

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn

"Abide with Me"

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Departure in Silence

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Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.