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PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together (572) arr. Cindy Berry

Sam Parnin, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

A New Commandment Anonymous Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

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* CALL TO WORSHIP 840

Jeff Hunter

* HYMN 312

Meekness and Majesty

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Gaius Berg, Reader Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

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* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world," and having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved to the end, and we are saved.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

CHORAL ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body arr. Mark Hayes

* GOSPEL READING
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

Jeff Hunter

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All Who Are Thirsty Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music) Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

COMMUNION AND FOOT WASHING

All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit are invited to participate in this sacrament through which we celebrate the simplicity and mystery of the whole Gospel.

Words of Invitation

Hymn of Preparation 216

Behold the Lamb of God

The Great Thanksgiving Sharing in the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer 887 (Using sins)

* CLOSING HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:32-36

SUNG BENEDICTION 232

Stay with Me

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (629)

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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I love the LORD,
because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

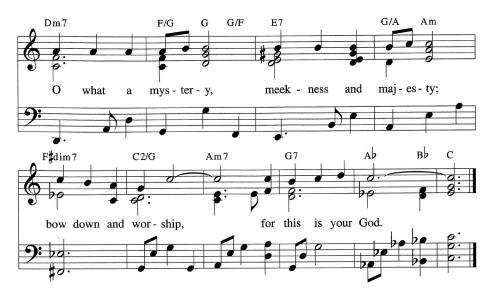
O LORD, I pray, save my life!

II 12What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
 13I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
 14I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
 15Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
 16O LORD, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
 You have loosed my bonds.
 17I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

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Meekness and Majesty





All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson



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Behold the Lamb of God





What Is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, remembered as the day when Jesus celebrated his last Passover meal with the disciples before his death. Most notably, that meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday—"maundy" being a shortened form of the Latin mandatum, which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He gave this commandment to His disciples. After Jesus and his disciples had shared the meal that we now celebrate as the Lord's Supper and he had set an example for them by washing their feet, Jesus sat down and offered them the command for which Maundy Thursday is named: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

Maundy Thursday Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

It is good that we do.

Great and mighty God, we thank you, because Jesus Christ, in an awesome display of divine power, emptied himself and took on human flesh. Jesus laid down his royal robes, took up the towel of servanthood, and loved us completely. And in obedience, Jesus died upon the cross so that our slavery to sin would be ended, and we would be reconciled to God and to one another. Therefore, we bow our hearts and open our mouths to join with the faithful who, in all times and in all places, praise your name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy Father, when we were captive in Egypt, our cries for help rose up to you. You, the Great I Am, called Moses from a burning bush and you sent him to Pharaoh saying, "Thus says the Lord, Let my people Go." With a strong hand the Almighty led us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage.

When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us. When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us. When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us.

And in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus to accomplish our ultimate rescue from slavery to the powers of sin, death, and self and to renew your covenant with creation.

Holy Father, we thank you that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembering me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembering me."

You have given us a New Commandment; that we love one another in the same way that we have been loved. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup and upon all who partake of it, that we might become one body united and sustained in love of Christ.

O God, who called us from slavery to freedom, and from death to life; we give ourselves in service to you and to one another.

With the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

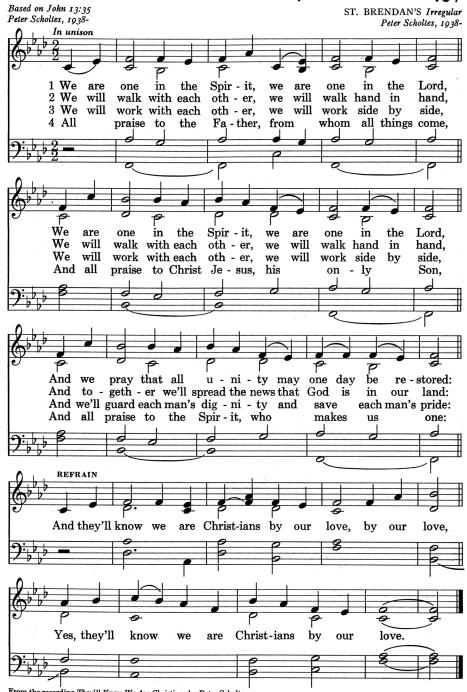
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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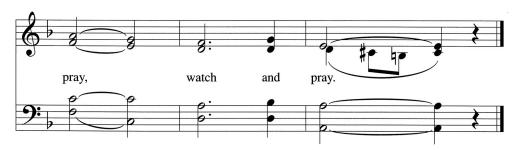
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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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