



April 1, 2021 6:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Antonín Dvořák

Largo (from New World Symphony)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship and thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for children younger than three is located on the first floor. A special Lenten Program for children (ages 3 through 3rd grade) will be held on the second floor in room 205. Please drop off children at the Wayne Street door for temperature check.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jennifer Thompson

Come, people of God, to ponder the mystery of God's love.
This is the eve that Christ the Lamb of God
gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.
This is the eve that Christ gathered
with His disciples in the upper room.
This is the eve that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others
as He had done to us.

**This is the eve that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may here proclaim His holy sacrifice
and be partakers of His resurrection
and at the last day may reign with Him in heaven.**

* **HYMN**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

- Elizabeth Clephane (1872)

Chamber Choir

PRAYER

Jennifer Thompson

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 14:12-50

ANTHEM

My Eternal King
Chamber Choir

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.

SERMON

"Stopping to Look for Another Way"

Ben Martin

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chamber Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

My sisters and brothers,

Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

All pray in silence.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, We Your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us. Where we have pledged our loyalty to Him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him. Forgive us we pray, and by Your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen

The 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 our Lord and God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
From the earth You bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine.
You formed us in Your image, delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
You fed us manna in the wilderness,
and gave grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.
When we had turned aside from Your way and abused Your gifts,
You gave us in Him Your crowning gift.
Emptying Himself that our joy might be full,
He fed the hungry, healed the sick,
ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed His disciples' feet,
and gave a holy meal as a pledge of His abiding presence.
By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to Your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread,
gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for You.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup,
gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church,
all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We will all take communion in our pew. If you did not receive a cup on your way in, please raise your hand and a staff member will bring one to you.

BENEDICTION

(ALL ARE ASKED TO EXIT IN QUIETNESS)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE:

Rev. Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life Pastor
Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist
Wesley Chamber Choir

Communion Offering: Today's offering is designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which provides emergency assistance to those in financial need. If you would like to give, please place in the offering/tithe boxes located in the Sanctuary.