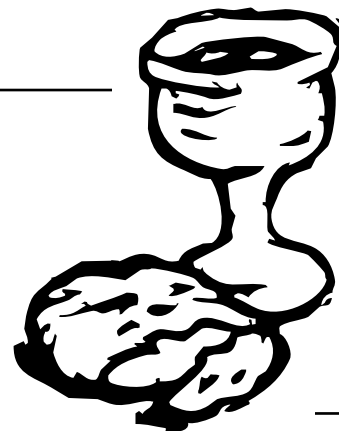


# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2, 2015 | 7:30pm



## Prelude

“What Wondrous Love”  
*Jubilate Quartet*

arr. by David Hedrick

## Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-4, 8

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

**People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

**People: Happy are those who take refuge in Him.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Hymn

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

Melita

Great God, Your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind, Your call to hear, Your love to find.

Great God, in Christ You call our name and then receive us as Your own.  
Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by Your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse Your mercy seat and find You kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
To work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ You set us free, Your life to live, Your joy to share.  
Give Your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
And offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

page 832, pew Bible

## Prayer of Intercession

**Hymn**

“When My Love to God Grows Weak”

Aberystwyth

When my love to God grows weak, when for deeper faith I seek,  
 Then in thought I go to Thee, garden of Gethsemane.  
 There I walk amid the shades while the lingering twilight fades,  
 See that suffering, friendless One, weeping, praying there alone.

There behold His agony, suffered on the bitter tree;  
 See His anguish, see his faith, love triumphant still in death.  
 And I praise with firmer faith; Christ who vanquished pain and death;  
 And to Christ enthroned above raise my song of selfless love.

*CCLI #397028***Giving of Tithes and Offerings****Offertory**

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

*Youth Choir; Diana Mears, director*

arr. Benjamin Harlan

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
 How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
 How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.  
 How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

*~ Isaiah 52:7***New Testament Reading**

I Corinthians 10:14-22

pages 957-8, pew Bible

**Sermon**

“One Bread, One Body, One Lord”

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Hymn**

“Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Bread of Life

Here at Thy table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel Thee near, in loving power,  
 Calling our thoughts away from self and sin, as to Thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break Thou the bread; fill Thou the cup that brings life to the dead;  
 That we may find in Thee pardon and peace, and from all bondage win a full release.

So shall our life of faith be full, be sweet; and we shall find our strength for each day meet;  
 Fed by Thy living bread, all hunger past, we shall be satisfied, and saved at last.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray; touch with Thy piercèd hand each common day;  
 Making this earthly life full of Thy grace, till in the home of heaven we find our place.

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### **Affirmation of Faith—Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, Who art rich in mercy to all those that call upon Thee; hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy pity and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards Thee and towards our fellow man. Most merciful Father, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins, according to Thy word; deliver us from evil; preserve and confirm us in good; and lead us to everlasting life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died for us. More than that, He was raised for us and is now at the right hand of God interceding for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old is gone and the new has come. Brothers and sisters in Christ, know for certain by faith that in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven.

### **The Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our salvation at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, everlasting God, through Christ, our Lord.**

### **The Invitation**

Beloved in the Lord, draw near to the Holy Table, and hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. He that comes to me, I will in no wise cast out.”

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn No. 185**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Pastors**

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