

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 24, 2016 | 7:30pm

Prelude

“Where Love Is, God Is There”
Jubilate Quartet

Ola Gjeilo

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4, 20-22

- Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!
Pastor: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.
Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
**People: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Redhead 76

Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.
Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb there' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
“It is finished!” Hear the cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.
Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom; who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes: Savior, teach us so to rise.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Call to Confession

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near to God and He will draw near to you; humble yourself before Him and He will lift you up. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit. The Lord will not despise a broken and contrite heart.

The Confession

People: Almighty God, You are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us now as we come humbly into Your presence confessing our sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your Holy Law by word and deed. We have ignored Your presence in the Spirit, and have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. Have mercy upon us and in Your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins, and grant to us newness of life in which to serve You through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Pastor: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

“Rock of Ages”

New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

page 722, pew Bible

Anthem

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

High School Choir; Diana Mears, director; Sarah Beall, pianist; Judah Hoobler, bass

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 is the body of Christ.

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.

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died, willing to pay the price.

Choir and Congregation:

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.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King:
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

*High School Choir; Diana Mears, director; Sarah Beall, pianist
Adam Kunsberg, saxophone; Judah Hoobler, bass*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified; they laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Wash me in Your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

New Testament Reading

John 13:1-20

page 900, pew Bible

Sermon

“Serving on the Eve of Crucifixion”

Rev. Ron Meyer

Hymn

“Communion Hymn”

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

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.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples in the place where they were gathered and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of the Lord.

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.**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Passing of the Peace

Communion Response

“Communion Hymn”

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in G minor”

J.S. Bach

Pastors

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*;
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