



the CUP

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024 ~ 6:00PM

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- LEADER: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
- PEOPLE: **Hear, O LORD, and answer me for I am poor and needy. Have mercy on me, for I cry to you all day long.**
- LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
- ALL: **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore keep the feast.**

JESUS, CAST A LOOK ON ME

Jesus, cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled, Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest,
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!

TEXT: JOHN BERRIDGE;

MUSIC: MATTHEW PERRYMAN JONES © MPJ MUSIC

PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

LUKE 22:7-13

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide.
The birds without barn or storehouse are fed;
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide.

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,
The promise engages, the Lord will provide.
His call we obey, like Abram of old,
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;
For though we are strangers we have a good Guide,
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide.

When Satan appears to stop up our path,
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, the Lord will provide.
He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain,
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain,
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied,
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide.

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No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide.
When life sinks apace and death is in view,
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side;
We hope to die shouting "the Lord will provide."

TEXT: JOHN NEWTON

MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH

PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

THE UPPER ROOM

JOHN 13:1-20

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I

say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

JESUS, WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

Jesus, with Thy church abide;
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried.
We beseech Thee, hear us. We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure.
We beseech Thee, hear us. We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee.
We beseech Thee, hear us. We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind.
We beseech Thee, hear us. We beseech Thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold;
Make her watchmen strong and bold;
Fence her round Thy peaceful fold.
We beseech Thee, hear us. We beseech Thee, hear us.

TEXT AND MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER AND THOMAS BENSON POLLOCK

HOMILY

DERRICK HARRIS — JOHN 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

THE BETRAYAL PREDICTED

MATTHEW 26:20-25

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION

Lord, for how easily we betray you—

Forgive us.

Lord, for how often we assume that betrayal
comes only at the hands of others—

Forgive us.

Lord, for not considering that our betrayal was yet one more sin for
which you would hang on the awful cross.

Forgive us.

THE DENIAL PREDICTED

MATTHEW 26:31-34

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Jesus, we, like Peter, have denied you.

We, like Peter, have made false promises of allegiance.

We, like Peter, have deserted you in times of trouble.

We, like Peter, have assumed our commitments to you would never waver.

We, like Peter, are hypocrites. We would call all men traitors before considering the same of ourselves.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MATTHEW 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible reality. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, our physical feasting is a picture of our own spiritual feasting on the body and blood of Christ. Participation in the Lord's Supper declares our personal belief that Christ's body was torn and his blood was shed for us. Coming to the table is an outward proclamation of what you believe inwardly.

This is the Lord's table, not ours. All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of Gospel-believing churches are welcome to receive the Supper with us. We would ask that anyone who does not yet believe withhold themselves from the table. Consider the claims of Christ. Consider your own heart. Consider the following prayer and be assured God will not turn away any who come to him in faith.

PRAYER FOR THOSE CONSIDERING THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ, I have heard of your claims to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me understanding that is coherent and convincing. If I am honest, I cannot come to this table because I don't fully know what it means to come to you. I find myself skeptical and yet intrigued. Please reveal yourself to me, show me who I am, and show me who you are. Amen.

CONSIDER READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN AND SPEAKING WITH ONE OF OUR
ELDERS ABOUT YOUR DESIRE TO INVESTIGATE CHRISTIANITY FURTHER.

OUR RESPONSE

ISAIAH 55:1-3

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David."

WE WILL FEAST

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire —
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (**Chorus**)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long,
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength! (**Chorus**)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom. (**Chorus**)

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BENEDICTION

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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FOR REFLECTION

VALLEY OF VISION: LOVE LUSTRES AT CALVARY

My Father, Enlarge my heart, warm my affections, open my lips,
supply words that proclaim “Love lustres at Calvary.”

There grace removes my burdens and heaps them on thy Son,
made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me;
There the sword of thy justice smote the man, thy fellow;
There thy infinite attributes were magnified,
and infinite atonement was made;
There infinite punishment was due,
and infinite punishment was endured.
Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,
cast off that I might be brought in,
trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend,
surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best,
stripped that I might be clothed,
wounded that I might be healed,
athirst that I might drink,
tormented that I might be comforted,
made a shame that I might inherit glory,
entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

My Saviour wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes,
groaned that I might have endless song,
endured all pain that I might have unfading health,
bore a thorny crown that I might have a glory-diadem,
bowed his head that I might uplift mine,
experienced reproach that I might receive welcome,
closed his eyes in death that I might gaze on unclouded brightness,
expired that I might for ever live.

O Father, who spared not thine only Son that thou mightest spare me,
All this transfer thy love designed and accomplished;
Help me to adore thee by lips and life.

O that my every breath might be ecstatic praise,
my every step buoyant with delight, as I see my enemies crushed,
Satan baffled, defeated, destroyed,
sin buried in the ocean of reconciling blood,
hell's gates closed, heaven's portal open.
Go forth, O conquering God, and show me
the cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save.

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