



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**
Service

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

**St. John's United Church of Christ
Orwigsburg, PA**

Maundy Thursday Worship

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Prelude

One at Your Table - Camp Kirkland

Greeting

Service of the Word

Pastor: Why is this night different from all others? On this night Jesus desired to celebrate the Passover meal in Jerusalem. He said to his friends: "I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

People: On this night, Jesus the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

Pastor: On this night Jesus took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: On this night Jesus blessed and broke the bread of life. Jesus poured out his blood to take away the sin of the world. Jesus gave us a holy feast to bless what is broken, to forgive what is sin, to make all things new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson John 13: 1-17, 33-35

Pastor: Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

People: Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end

Pastor: The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. Knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel. He came to Simon Peter who said to him:

People: "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Pastor: Jesus answered, "You do not know what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

People: "You will never wash my feet"

Pastor: "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

People: "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

Pastor: "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet. And you are clean, though not all of you." Jesus said this for he knew who was to betray him. After Jesus had washed their feet, he put on his robe and returned to the table saying: "Do you know what I have done to you"

You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done. Servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just

as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

People: By this everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples, if we have love for one another.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Holy Jesus, we have promised to live as your disciples, yet we confess that we have not loved you or one another with our whole heart.

People: We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have failed to do.

Pastor: We do not work together as one to your glory.

People: Receive us and forgive us that we may commit ourselves anew to live out the love you have shown to us. Lord, have mercy. (*Silent confession*) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord has heard our voices and our supplications. God has loosed our bonds. Know that when we fall short, God hears our prayers and frees us for lives of gratitude and service. In Christ we are forgiven. Let the whole church say amen. **Amen!**

Message “Extreme Humility” Pastor Jeff

Service of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor Jeff

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor.

We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, on our gifts, and on us.

Strengthen your church that it may seek to serve you and serve this world for whom Christ died. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new. Now let us pray as Christ has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on 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.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: We give thanks, O God, that in your free gift of love you have reached out to us.

People: You have refreshed us at your table and called us to life shared in memory and hope.

Pastor: Grant us courage and joy, so that we may become servants following Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

Service of Tenebrae

Readings and Extinguishing of Lights

First Reading

Kay Jones

Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 20-30
(Candle One is Extinguished.)

Second Reading

Jamie Barton

Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26: 31-35
(Candle Two is Extinguished.)

Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jesus prayed for his disciples;
he prayed alone for you and me.
O, nobody else could bear such sorrow;
he prayed alone for you and me.

Third Reading

Agony of the Soul

Luke 22: 41-44

(Candle Three is Extinguished.)

Kay Jones

Fourth Reading

Unshared Vigil

Mark 14: 34-42

(Candle Four is Extinguished.)

Jamie Barton

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's power,
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Fifth Reading

Arrest in the Garden

Mark 14: 43-50

(Candle Five is Extinguished.)

Kay Jones

Sixth Reading

Jesus Before the Council

Mark 14: 55-64

(Candle Six is Extinguished.)

Jamie Barton

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Follow to the judgement hall;
View the Lord arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss;
Learn of him to bare the cross.

Seventh Reading

Kay Jones

Jesus Before Pilate

Mark 15: 1-5, 12-15

(Candle Seven is Extinguished.)

Eighth Reading

Jamie Barton

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15: 25-30, 33-37

(Candle Eight is Extinguished.)

Hymn

*Were You There -arr. Dallas Blair
Tracey Holler, flute*

Final Reading

Pastor Jeff Johnson

The Word was God John 1, selected verses

*(Christ's candle is extinguished; we will remain in darkness for a
time.)*

The Return of the Light

Silent Recessional

(Please maintain silence as you leave.)