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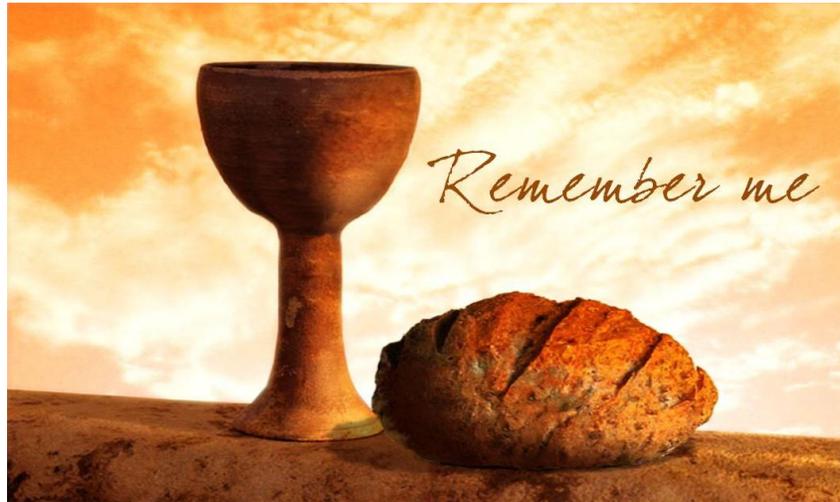
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March 29, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Maunder Thursday



*“Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.”
- 1 Corinthians 11:26*

GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thursday night is not our usual time to meet. Something is up. Why the teacher as a servant? What of leaving and remembering? What does this mean? Jesus, help us understand.

PRELUDE: *Are Ye Able?*

L. PUGH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.
A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.
The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.
The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.
As we break the bread and share the cup,
our understanding may fail us.
But we will never forget Christ’s example.
We will never forget the full extent of his love.

* OPENING HYMN #92: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

EVENING PRAYER

SHARING: EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

INTERPRETING THE LESSON AND READING THE TEXT

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 79

SERVING: JOHN 13:1-17

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PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1311

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Christ, on that night long ago, you knew that your hour had come. You knew full well what lay ahead of you. Your disciples loved you and followed you, but they had also failed you.

They would fail you yet again that night, and one would betray you. Yet you washed their feet, as a servant would. even the feet of your betrayer. We have also loved you and followed you.

We have also failed you, and we cannot comprehend the love that you show us, the love that is our example, the love that tells us to do as you have done for us.

May we be like you, Master, servants of all. May all see how we long to be your faithful disciples. May all see how we love each other, just as you have loved us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Now the Son of Man, the one who loves us, is glorified. In him, God is also glorified. The one who loves us gives us a new commandment: to love one another!

As the Lord has loved us, we are to love each other. Let all see this love among us, and glorify God. Let all see how we belong to Christ! Amen.

* THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Amen! The peace of the Lord be with you and God's people everywhere on this holy night.

Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

* HYMN #101: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: *When Jesus Wept*

F. RITTER

EATING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

INTERPRETING THE LESSON AND READING THE TEXT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

May the God of last suppers be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God this night.

We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

Our thanks is offered to the One who walks and waits with us through long nights.

When the hour had come, Creator of the heavens and earth . . . Therefore, with those whose feet are covered with sin, and those whose hearts are gripped by fear, we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:

Holy, holy, holy, God of towels and basins. We join heaven and earth in praising your name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who became a servant for us. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of Redemption . . . Every time we eat this bread, our brokenness is made whole; every time we drink from the cup, we receive unceasing grace; every time we come to the table, we remember that mystery called faith:

In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death; in remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection; in remembrance, we await his return to us.

Now that the hour has come, send you Spirit upon the gifts . . . receiving forgiveness from our enemies, singing your joy, forever, and ever, and praying as Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

LOVING: JOHN 13:31B-35

* THE NEW COMMANDMENT GIVEN IN THE UPPER ROOM

Friends, on this night when our Lord shared the meal with His disciples, He gave to them, and to us who follow Him, the New Commandment which we receive again:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Holy God, source of all love, write this commandment on our hearts; give us the will to serve others as our Lord served us all, who gave His life and died for us, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

THE LAST PRAYER: PSALM 22:1-19

INTERPRETING THE LESSON

READING THE PASSION PSALM

[As the Psalm is read, the Table and Pulpit are stripped, symbolizing the stripping of our Lord's life; the Cross is draped in black, the sanctuary will be darkened, symbolizing the darkness which descended when our Lord died.]

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: Gethsemane (I Only Want to Say)

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / TIM RICE

SYLVESTER ALLEN, SOLOIST

I only want to say, if there is a way, take this cup away from me.

For I don't want to taste its poison; Feel it burn me. / I have changed I'm not as sure as when we started.

Then I was inspired. Now I'm sad and tired. / Listen surely I've exceeded expectations.

Tried for three years, seems like thirty. / Could you ask as much from any other man?

But if I die, see the saga through and do the things you ask of me.

Let them hate me, hit me, hurt me, nail me to their tree.

I'd want to know, I'd want to know my God. / I'd want to see, I'd want to see my God.

Why I should die. Would I be more noticed than I ever was before?

Would the things I've said and done matter any more?

I'd have to know, I'd have to know my Lord. / I'd have to see, I'd have to see my Lord.

If I die what will be my reward? / Why, why should I die?

Can you show me now that I would not be killed in vain? / Show me just a little of your omnipresent brain.

*Show me there's a reason for your wanting me to die.
You're far too keen on where and how but not so hot on why.
Alright I'll die! Just watch me die! / See how, see how I die! Oh, just watch me die!
Then I was inspired. Now I'm sad and tired. / After all I've tried for three years. Seems like ninety.
Why then am I scared to finish what I started; / What you started - I didn't start it.
God thy will is hard, but you hold every card.
I will drink your cup of poison. Nail me to your cross and break me,
Bleed me, beat me, kill me, take me now - Before I change my mind.*

SILENT REFLECTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SILENT RECESSION BY MINISTER AND CONGREGATION

The Benediction is omitted from the service, to be pronounced again Easter Sunday when we celebrate the victory of our Lord. Worshippers are requested to depart the service in silence.

** Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.*

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME to Bethany Presbyterian Church. We welcome all worshippers to this Maundy Thursday service. We especially welcome any visitors and invite you to return and worship with us again. Please visit our website at www.bethanypresbyterian.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian.

Easter Sunday Worship, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, will be held at our normal time of **11:00 a.m., this Sunday, April 1, 2018**. The service will include joyous music, the Announcement of the Resurrection, the re-lighting of the Christ Candle, and will conclude on the lawn with the Flowering of the Cross.

Maundy (Latin: "Mandate" or "Command) Thursday is so designated because in the Upper Room our Lord gave His Church the New Commandment of love as recorded in John 13:34-35. It occurs in our liturgy following the meal.

The Service proceeds without announcements. Please follow your bulletin. You are asked to leave the service in silence.

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