



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

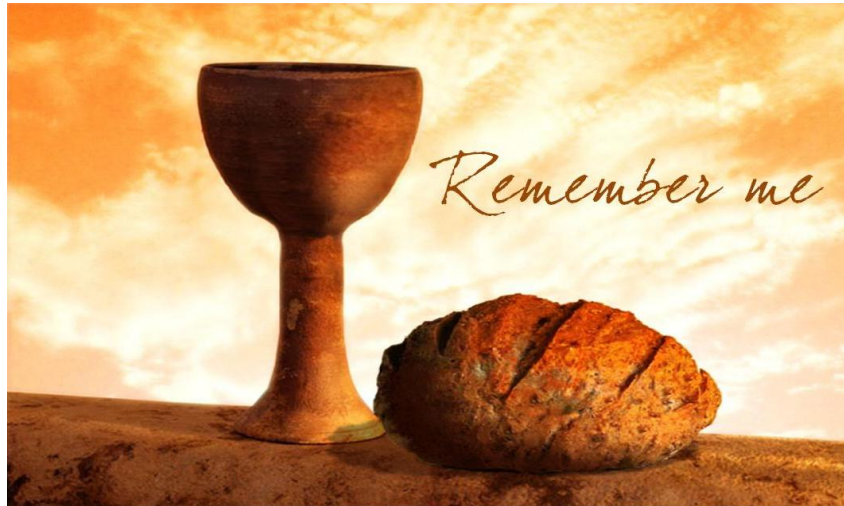
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*Maundy Thursday*



*“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord.  
You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.”  
- Exodus 12:14 (CEB)*

## 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: *March to the Cross*

P. TCHAIKOVSKY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Little children, I am with you only a little longer, Jesus says.

***We come to draw near to our Lord, to dwell in the gathering darkness, to remember and to grieve.***

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

***We gather to feast at the table of grace, to kneel at the feet of our friends, to learn the way of sacrifice and service.***

Jesus' hour has come to depart from this world. Our hour has come to wait, to watch, and to pray.

***Let us worship the One who loves us to the end.***

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

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## PRAYING

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

*Voice 1:* Tonight, we sit at table with Judas, who betrays Jesus with a kiss;

*Voice 2:* and with Peter, who—three times—denies our Lord;

*Voice 3:* and with all the other disciples, who fail to keep watch and pray.

Voice 1: We are not so different from the twelve.  
Voice 2: For we, too, have turned from Christ  
Voice 3: when the demands of faith seemed too great.

Voice 1: Yet, Christ loved his own to the end.  
Voice 2: And Christ loves us to the end.  
Voice 3: With confidence, let us confess how we, too, have fallen short.

Voice 1: Do you know what I have done for you?  
Voice 2: This, Lord, you asked of your disciples.  
Voice 3: And this, Lord, you ask of us.

Voice 1: And the answer is:  
Voice 2: "Yes.  
Voice 3: "We do know."

***We know that you have risen from the table to kneel at our feet; that you have taught us the way of sacrifice and service; that you have given us a new commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you.***

Voice 1: Do you know what I have done for you?  
Voice 2: Yes, Lord, we do.  
Voice 3: But we often forget.

***We forget that true discipleship means caring for others with a servant's heart—those who have been cast aside, those who feel unworthy of love, those we deem undeserving of grace.***

Voice 1: For our forgetfulness,  
Voice 2: for our fearfulness,  
Voice 3: for our faithlessness  
***forgive us, Lord.***

Voice 1: As you kneel like a servant before us,  
Voice 2: as you break bread and offer the cup,  
Voice 3: as you show us, once again, what it means to serve,  
***break open our hearts, and fill us with your steadfast love, so that we might pour ourselves out in service.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Voice 1: Like water poured over dusty feet,  
Voice 2: like wine flowing into the cup of salvation,  
Voice 3: God's grace washes over us.

Voice 1: For Christ loves us fully.  
Voice 2: Christ loves us completely.  
Voice 3: Christ loves us to the end.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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

HAMBURG

## LISTENING

### AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

As God has spoken in ages gone by,  
***God speaks now to us.***  
Hear the word of the Lord.

**AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:**

**JOHN 13:1-17**

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1311

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *HAND WASHING WE GOT. WHAT ABOUT FOOT WASHING?***

REV. JOHNSON

## **EATING**

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (see page 5)

BEACH SPRING

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

We are gathered as disciples, and tonight Jesus reveals himself to us. He is the master teacher who unexpectedly washes our feet, as would a servant. He has led us triumphantly into Jerusalem, and yet he speaks of going where we cannot go, of being broken and poured out for us.

***We remember him now as he asked us to do, in a communal meal. Whether bewildered that he must depart, sobered before the cross that awaits, or quietly anticipating Sunday's joy, let us center ourselves now – in this moment, connected with those around us – to seek God's presence in the breaking of the bread.***

**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 these 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**

\* **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.***

## LEAVING

### READING OF THE PASSION PSALM: PSALM 22

*[If we were worshipping this evening in our sanctuary, the table and all paraments would be stripped, and the cross would be draped in black, to be undraped on Easter morning.]*

### 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.*

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

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B<sup>b</sup>

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C

food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"  
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B<sup>b</sup> C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B<sup>b</sup> F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

## 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](http://www.bethanypresbyterian.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://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 12, 2020**. The service will include joyous music, the Announcement of the Resurrection, and the re-lighting of the Christ Candle.

**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.

Resources used in this evening's worship:

- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources
- *Call to Worship* worship resources (PCUSA publication)

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

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