

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

SILENT PROCESSIONAL

GREETING

You who call upon the name of Christ, we are gathered to recall the story of the night in which Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?

By the grace of God, we are.

Will you follow Jesus into the night of betrayal?

By the grace of God, we will.

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness.

God of all grace and steadfast love greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth.

*HYMN "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" No. 371

A LITANY OF RECOLLECTION OF JESUS

Let us remember the passion of Christ, and take note of how earnestly He desired to do God's will.

He lived and died doing the will of God.

Discouragement did not deter him.

Disappointment did not change his resolve to be obedient.

He came to clarify our understanding of God's will and ways.

By His coming, we have new knowledge of God's goodness.

He called God "Father" but the Pharisees declared that such a title degraded God.

Christ had compassion on the poor and the outcast.

He was not afraid to be seen in the company of the undesirable.

For He had come to seek and save the lost.

He bore our sins upon the cross.

His suffering was the punishment we deserve. We are the ones who have been disobedient.

In the midst of abuse he controlled his temper.

In the face of torture and ridicule, He refused to curse either God or his tormentors.

Even His agony on the cross did not tempt Him to sin.

His obedience has opened for us the kingdom of God.

ACT OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we your church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips and then denied, deserted, or betrayed Him; forgive us we pray, and by your spirit make us faithful in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randy Sharp

SCRIPTURE LESSON

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Dr. Steven A. Screws

*HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 618

THE INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. From the earth You bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your own image delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. Therefore, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the

highest.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

O Lord, on this night of darkness and betrayal, we know that we do not kneel at Your table because of our own merits. Our trust is in Your love. We rejoice that Your mercy goes beyond judgment and that we have been invited to this table as Your guest. As we partake of this meal, may it be for us a time of renewal, that we may grow into your likeness as we take Christ unto ourselves.

THE RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

(We invite all present to receive this sacrament of God's grace. Please come to the Communion rail as directed to receive either standing or kneeling. If you wish to be served in your pew, please indicate this to an usher. Offerings left at the Communion rail are designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

Let all leave in Benedictine silence.

*Please stand as able.

MAUNDY



THURSDAY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scottsboro, Alabama

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

1. I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

(Refrain)

3. In pity angels beheld him,
and came from the world of light
to comfort him in the sorrows
he bore for my soul that night.

(Refrain)

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

(Refrain)

5. When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

*(Refrain)***"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

4 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)