

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Welcome to Evening Prayer

Service of Light

L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

L: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over,

L: let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and shine within your people here.

Evening Hymn: Wondrous Love Is This

- 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Evening Thanksgiving

L: May God be with you all,

C: and also with you,

L: Let us sing our thanks to God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

C: Amen.

Psalm 141

C: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

L: O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

C: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

L: Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

C: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

L: All praise to the God of all Creator of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

C: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

L: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

C: Amen

Special Music by Carmers: Evidence (Josh Baldwin)

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

SERMON: “DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME”

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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LITANY AND PRAYERS

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For all your servants who live out your gospel:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For all those who labor in service to others:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:

C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:
C: God of mercy, hold us in love.

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days:
C: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

L: Great and merciful God, source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
A: Amen.

L: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray as we sing:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (WEST INDIAN-Matthew 6:9; Adapted by J.J. Cleveland/ V. Nix)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

Hallowed be thy name.

Done on earth as it is in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Hallowed be thy name.

And forgive all our debts

Hallowed be thy name.

As we forgive our debtors,

Hallowed be thy name.

Lead us not into temptation,

Hallowed be thy name.

But deliver us from evil,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thine is the kingdom, power and glory,

Hallowed be thy name.

Forever and ever,

Hallowed be thy name. Amen,

amen, amen

Hallowed be thy name. Amen,

amen, amen, amen,

Hallowed be thy name.

INSTRUMENTAL CONTEMPLATION: What Wondrous Love Is This (arr. R.E. Schram)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR:

A reading from Psalm 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.
- ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- ⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
- ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- ¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
- ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you:
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,
- ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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