Carmel Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 7:15 pm



"The Last Supper"; Glencairn Museum, Bryn Athyn, PA

Order of Worship

Preparatory Meditation

I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. ²⁴ After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." ²⁵ He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me."

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Prelude

"Wondrous Love"

Dale Wood

Greeting and Preparation for Worship -

* Call to Worship (Read responsively.) -

- L1: Come; let us enter the events of this night. Let us enter as we are—with faith, with doubt, with love, with sin, and with repentance.
- All: We gather about the Lord's table, remembering that on this night he took bread and wine, elements of the Passover feast, and gave them new meaning.
- L2: Even so, let us come to this table ready to find new meaning once again.
- All: Let us worship God. Let us break bread together. Amen.
- * Hymn 503

"Come, Risen Lord"

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Time of Confession

- L1: O God, who loved us so much that you gave us your Son Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our separation from you, we come this night remembering how Jesus gathered his friends together for their last supper, and how around the table were the hands of betrayers. Our brother Judas sold Jesus' safety for a few coins. Our brother Peter denied knowing Jesus. Our brothers John and James argued about who would be greatest.
- All: We constantly fall into the same mistakes they made. We deny knowing Jesus when we leave our faith at the church door, and live our lives according to our own rules. We push him away from the center of our lives when we struggle to keep ourselves and our fragile egos at the center of our attention.

- L2: Hear the assurance of God as it comes to us through Isaiah: "The Lord says, `Now let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow. Although your sins are deep red, you will be white as wool.'"
- L1: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Christ, our sins are forgiven.
- All: Praise be to God. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Taizé Response (Insert: Unison, seated, sung twice.) "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Second Scripture Reading

"Is It I?"

Rev. Peter Sulyok

Mark 14:22-26

Responsive Reading

Meditation

- L1: Jesus said, on the night he was betrayed,
- L2: "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."
- L1: And the Twelve were disturbed and sorrowful, and each questioned himself and the Lord, saying,

All: Is it I, Lord? Is it I? Surely it must be someone else!

- L1: Jesus said again,
- L2: "It is one of you who is dipping bread in the same dish with me."
- L1: And again, the Twelve questioned whom Jesus meant:

All: Is it I, Lord? Is it I? Surely it must be someone else!

- L1: And Judas, who betrayed him, looked at Jesus. Jesus said to him,
- L2: "You know the truth. What you must do, do quickly."
- L1: And Judas ran away crying,

All: It is I, Lord. It is I? It surely is no one else!

- L1: And Jesus turned to the others and told them,
- L2: "You, too, will fall away, all of you."
- L1: And he singled out Peter and told him,
- L2: "You will deny me."
- L1: But Peter and the others denied it, saying,

All: Is it I, Lord? Is it I? Surely it must be someone else!

- L1: In the garden, later, Jesus asked Peter and James and John to watch as he prayed. But when he came to them, he found them asleep and asked,
- L2: "Can't you watch with me in my last hour?"
- L1: And each said to him,

All: It is I, Lord. It is I. I am with you in your hour.

- L1: But Jesus was arrested that night, and all fell away.
- L2: [*pause*] And Peter followed to the trial and waited outside to hear the outcome. A guard came and asked,
- L1: "Aren't you one of his followers?"

Mark 14:10-21

L2: And Peter said,

All: It isn't I. It isn't I. It surely must be someone else!

L1: Again, someone passed by and accused Peter of being one of Jesus' followers.

L2: But he answered,

All: It isn't I. It isn't I. It surely must be someone else!

- L1: And finally, a woman saw him by the fire and yelled angrily, saying,
- L2: "You are one of his friends. You know him. You follow him. Is he your teacher, your rabbi, your Lord? Answer from the heart!"

All: [shouting] I do not know the man. I do not know the man. It surely must be someone else!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion -

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

God spoke these words, and said: I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me. You shall not worship any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Honor your father and mother. You shall do no murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts, we ask you.

Sisters and brothers: this is the holy feast of the people of God. Let us give thanks to our God for it is right to do so.

It is very right, and our duty, that we shall at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

[Holding up the Bread]

We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge that you have made known to us through Jesus your servant. To you be the glory forever.

Amen.

[Holding up the Wine]

We give thanks to you, our Father, for the Holy Vine of David, that you have made known to us through Jesus your servant. To you be the glory forever.

Amen. We humbly pray to you, O Lord, graciously to accept this our thanksgiving and praise, which is our duty and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we most humbly ask you, O Lord, to bless and sanctify with your Holy Spirit this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the most blessed Body and Blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

And here we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Around the Lord's Table with the Words of Institution

(You are invited to come forward when invited to receive the bread and the juice (white) or wine (red). Approach the chancel walking down the center aisle and return by the side aisle, socially distancing as you walk. Your juice/wine cup may be placed in the receptacle.)

Communion Music "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"

David Cherwien

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us give thanks to God:

We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this life-giving gift: and we ask you, in your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you; and in zealous love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

* HYMN 516 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" O QUANTA QUALIA

* BENEDICTION -

Let us feast in the joy of Christ Jesus and go into the world with his peace; let us all be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Postlude

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen ("O Bread of Life from Heaven") G. Winston Cassler

Welcome to our **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**, commemorating the **Last Supper** of Jesus with his most beloved disciples. Ours is an open Communion, so we invite all Christians to feel welcome in joining us in the Sacrament, as God's gift to us in Jesus Christ was given for all. **Maundy** is the English form of the Latin word that means **commandment**. Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you" is the focus of **Maundy Thursday**. This love is demonstrated in Jesus' example of servanthood and the gift of Jesus' self in the **Holy Eucharist**. The theme of servanthood is sometimes included in the observance of **Maundy Thursday** through a service of foot-washing. In foot-washing, the church recalls the example of Jesus' humility as **Good Friday** drew near and Jesus performed this menial domestic chore for the protesting disciples. Historically, **Maundy Thursday** was the traditional day on which those who had undergone a period of public penance under church discipline would be restored to full communion.

We hope you will all join us tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm for the **Good Friday Tenebrae Service: "Witness of the Twelve"**. Please come and bring your family and friends for this very special service this year highlighting the twelve disciples.

On Easter Day, we invite you to Carmel's Early Dawn Service with Communion at 7:30 am in the Memorial Garden, followed by coffee and baked goods. Our **Easter Day Worship and Celebration** will include **Communion** at 10:00 am in our beautiful, flower-filled sanctuary and live-streamed. All are invited!

LORD'S SUPPER

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Come, Risen Lord



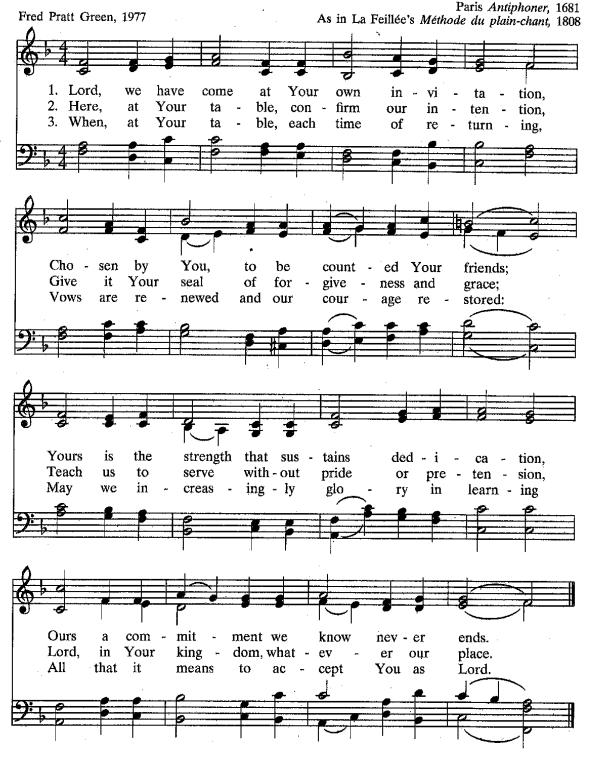
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LORD'S SUPPER

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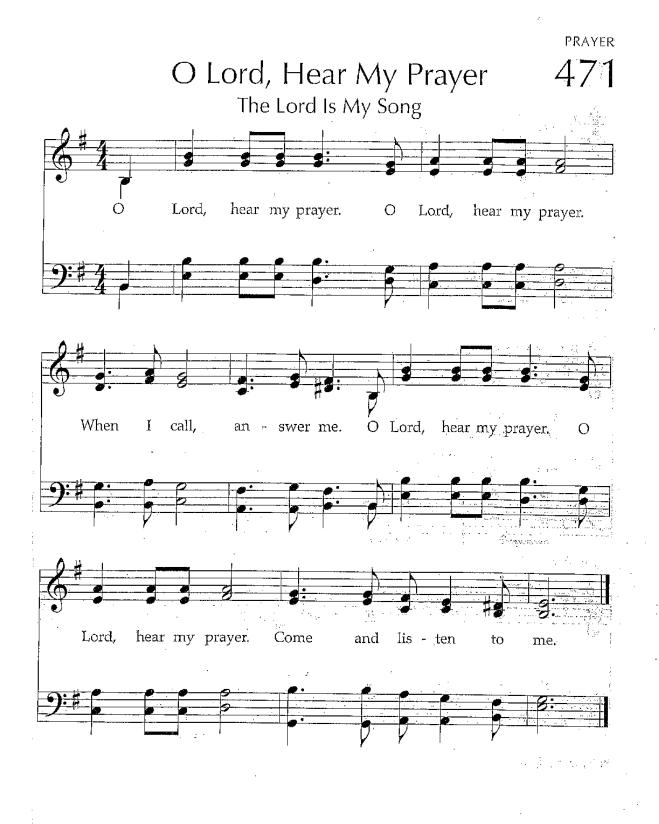
Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA 11.10.11.10



This tune in a higher key, 147

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This chant from the Taizé Community in France is provided with two sets of words, either of which can be used as best suits the occasion. The first text is based on Psalm 102:1–2, and the second is an amalgam of phrases drawn from Psalms 118:14, 25:5, 36:9, and John 4:14.