



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Love One Another, J. Chrisman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to God, who has loved us through Jesus Christ. Present yourselves to the Spirit who understands your need.

People: God has heard our voices and heeded our cries. We will call on God's name as long as we live.

Leader: Come to prepare yourselves for the journey of faith. God sets before us a memorial feast. Eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

People: We come to be washed and cleansed and healed. God will equip us here to love one another.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love, we confess that we have been slow to turn to you with our sacrifices of thanksgiving. When things go well for us, we give credit to our own efforts rather than offer you our praise. In times of difficulty, we resist your claims on us and deny your covenant. We want our own way, as if our desires should rule your world. We have not learned to love others without conditions or to serve them without pretense. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to know the blessing and joy of following where Jesus leads. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And

during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEDITATION

Fear and Love

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Washing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God (prayer continues...) We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, In my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CHARGE

John 13:34-35

Leader: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;

People: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Leader: By this all people will know that you are my disciples,

People: If you have love for one another.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Song is Love Unknown, arr. R. Vaughan Williams

Leaders Today

Pastor Scott Anderson
Liturgist Chuck Kamp
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