



"You also ought to wash one another's feet."

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Maundy Thursday Service of Word and Table

March 29, 2018

Seven-thirty in the evening



CONNECTING
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Today marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet; his institution of the Lord's Supper; and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset today to sunset on Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples. In other words, this is "new commandment" Thursday!

We invite you to join us tomorrow, Good Friday, for a Self-Guided Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary between Noon and 3:00 PM. Printed resource guides will be available for your use and you may be here throughout the time or a portion thereof.

And please plan to be with us this Sunday at 10:45 AM as we join in a festive celebration of Christ's resurrection with music, the gospel both read and proclaimed, and partaking of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

We encourage you to join us each Sunday morning throughout the year for our Rise and Shine Forum at 9:30 AM, Children's Sunday School at 9:30 AM and Worship at 11:00. We regularly include people of all ages, as well as families, in our life together as both leaders and active participants. We faithfully commit ourselves to creating opportunities for worship, fellowship, spiritual formation, and mission for all persons. If you are looking for a new church home, or wish to learn more about Trinity United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Bill Davis at pastor@trinityalexandria.org.



Music Notes

Introit Hymntune: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden Und Pein With text by Sigismund von Birken (1626-1681) and tune by Melchior Vulpius (c. 1560-1615) this Hymn of the Passion originally had seventeen eight-line verses. We sing the second verse tonight.

Go, Congregation, Go! and Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs Written for soprano solo and choir, John Antes (1740-1811) sets texts by Christian Gregor and Isaiah 53:4,5. Born in Pennsylvania, Antes was perhaps our first expatriate American composer, residing in Germany, Egypt and England. He was also a watchmaker, inventor, instrument maker, missionary and officer of the Moravian Church. While in Egypt as a missionary, he was tortured and severely beaten. During his convalescence, he turned to composing. His music was influenced in particular by Haydn, Handel and Karl H. Graun (whose anthem we offer tonight.)

Ubi Caritas is from the *Liber Usualis* (common book)—1,900 pages containing Gregorian chant compiled by the monks at the Abbey of Solesmes in France. It is the final antiphon sung during the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday. We have added randomly rung bells. The translation is as follows:

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Let us be united as one; let us be careful lest we be divided in intention. Let us cease all quarrels and strife; and let Christ dwell in the midst of us. May we also see, along with the blessed, the glory of your face, O Christ. And let there be immeasurable joy both now and forever.

Behold the Lamb is by German composer Karl Heinrich Graun (1704-1759), a younger contemporary of J.S. Bach. Graun was best known for his oratorio *Der Tod Jesu* (the death of Jesus), for many years performed annually in Germany, surpassing in popularity Bach's Passion of St. Matthew. As musical director to Frederick the Great, Graun was also director of the opera at Berlin, where his own Italianate operas dominated the stage.

Lamb of God is arranged by G. Melius Christiansen, who founded the famed St. Olaf Choir in 1911. It was he who fostered the tradition of a cappella sacred music (unaccompanied choral singing). It has become one of the staples of church choir repertoire, along with Christiansen's equally treasured arrangement of Beautiful Savior.

When Jesus in the Garden is a 17th century song of the Passion arranged by Father Franz Wasner for the Von Trapp singers. Franz Mathias Wasner (December 28, 1905 – June 21, 1992) was the director and conductor of the Trapp Family Singers. (English version by Henry Drinker)

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠*Please stand in body and/ or spirit.*

Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Bill Davis

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Go To Dark Gethsemane
Trinity Ringers*

arr. Sandra Eithun

INTROIT

Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein

Make me see your great distress, anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness and your crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you, How you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Jill Robinson

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

And also with you.

On this night, our Lord Jesus Christ said,
“A new commandment I give to you:
that you love one another just as I have loved you.”

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has prepared a feast of love.

✠HYMN

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal no. 325

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

Let us confess our sin to God and ask for cleansing mercy.

**Gracious God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you,
against our neighbor,
and against each other
in thought, word, and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image within us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of our sin.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out of darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

✠CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Canticle of God's Glory

Hymnal no. 83

✠COLLECT OF THE DAY

Jill Robinson

Blessed are you, O God of our salvation,
for by your grace that teaches us the mystery of sacrificial love,
we come to the supper hosted by your Christ,
to the table where the sinless One
delights to eat and drink with sinners.
Touch our hearts with wonder
to witness our Lord enwrapped in glory
tie a towel about his waist,
our Master whom raging seas obey
pour water into a servant's basin,
the One whom angels serve
kneel down to wash his disciples' feet.
As we enter the holiest Three Days of the year,
cleanse us within that we may keep the feast,
not with the old leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth;
through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
our Passover and our Peace,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Pew Bible, OT, Page 58

Jill Robinson

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pew Bible, NT, Page 173

Jill Robinson

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Go, congregation, go! And see thy Saviour in Gethsemane; There is a scene which with amaze must strike thee; There, astonished gaze, thy Master prays.

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement of our peace lay upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

✠GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pew Bible, NT, Page 107

Pastor Bill Davis

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Love"

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal no. 432

THE WASHING OF FEET

Gracious God,**Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel
and washed the feet of his disciples.****Give us the will to be the servants of others
as he was the servant of all,****who gave up his life and died for us,
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Those who wish to have their feet washed, please move to the front.

Pastor Bill Davis

✠THE PEACE

Pastor Bill Davis

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God

Karl H. Graun

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

✠Doxology

O Love, How Deep

Hymnal no. 297 (stanza 5)

All glo - ry to our Lord and God
 for love so deep so high so broad:
 the Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore,
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

✠THE GREAT 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 our thanks and praise.

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All

Leader, Paul Taylor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of
 pow - er and might. hea - ven and earth are full of your glo -
 ry Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All



All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross did suffer. Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer; Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you

that you have fed us in this Sacrament,

united us with Christ,

and given us a foretaste

of the heavenly banquet

in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory,

in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM

When Jesus in the Garden

Franz Wasner

When Jesus in the garden there His bitter pain was made to bear, then sad was every thing that grew, the leaves, the grass, the flowers, too. There Mary came and saw her son and all the evil they had done, His Cross, the Crown of thorns He wore; and in her heart she suffered sore. Beloved John, disciple true, my mother now I entrust to you; so lead her by the hand away, lest she should see my pain today. The highest cedars bowed their heads, the mighty rocks were rent in shreds; no more the sun was shining fair, no birds were singing anywhere.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The furnishings adorning the chancel are removed in preparation for Good Friday.

SILENCE

Please depart in silence.

If you are unable to attend Good Friday's Prayer Vigil between Noon and 3 PM tomorrow, please pick-up a copy of the Self-Guided Prayer Vigil on the table in the Narthex on your way out.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Chancel Steward: Ellan Moore
Communion Stewards: Kay Stewart
Greeters: Sue and Jess Stewart
Liturgist: Jill Robinson
Pew Duty: John Ploch
Sound: Harley Hopkins
Ushers: Lucelle O'Flaherty

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