



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020**



SERVING THIS EVENING

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--GATHERING--

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Leader: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN

"Were You There"

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1. *Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*
2. *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*
3. *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it cause me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and repentance let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.**

**We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.**

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit Keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be will you all.
And also with you.
(Take a moment to share Christ's peace by greeting those around you.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,
you have given us a new commandment:
to love and serve one another in Jesus' name.
Let the good news of your liberating love
be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what

I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them...³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

REFLECTION:

"Loving One Another"

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

SOLO:

"The Crucifixion"

Soloist: Linda Jackson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Liberating and redeeming God,
we give thanks that you hear the cries of your people.
Therefore, in our time of trial, we call upon your name,
saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you delivered our ancestors from slavery
and led them to a land of promise and plenty,
liberate all who are captive or oppressed
and bring them to a place of abundant life.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you saved your people from death
on the night of the Passover,
redeem us from sin and death
through Jesus Christ the Lamb.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord
stooped down to wash his disciples' feet,
teach us to love and serve our neighbors
with Christ-like compassion and humility.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Christ the Lord has handed on to us
a feast of grace in his body and blood,
help us to share with all who hunger
the gifts we have received from you.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our liberator and redeemer,

we give thanks that you have heard our cry.
Continue to lead us from death to life eternal,
and let our lives be a sign of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*The candles are extinguished and all linens and symbols are removed from the worship space.
After the stripping of the church, all depart in silence. There is no benediction.*