

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 2023

Prelude "The Longer I Serve Him" Gaither

Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Spirit of the Living God" #393

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

"Spirit Song" #347

Scripture John 13: 1-17, Luke 22: 14-20

The Great Thanksgiving #12

Songs of Communion

One Bread, One Body #620

Softly and Tenderly #348:1,2

Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus #349 (2X)

Scripture Mark 14:32-36

Anthem "His Will Was Done" Choir

**Song of Invitation "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen

Announcements

Easter Sunday

Please join us at 10:00am for worship. You are welcome to come early and help us decorate our Easter Sunday Flower Cross. Please bring flowers or use the ones we will provide.

Tonight - Let's have dinner together.

Please join us for a Taco Bar immediately following this service. There is no charge for dinner, but we do have a basket for a freewill offering. Profits will be given to the food pantry.

**** Oh How He Loves You and Me**

Oh, how He loves you and me. Oh, how He loves you and me
He gave his life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you. Oh, how He loves me

Oh, how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me.

John 13:1-17 Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later." "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me." Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my

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feet but also my hands and my head!" Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean." After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly because, I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you; servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

Luke 22:14-20 When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Mark 14:32-36 Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. He said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert." Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.