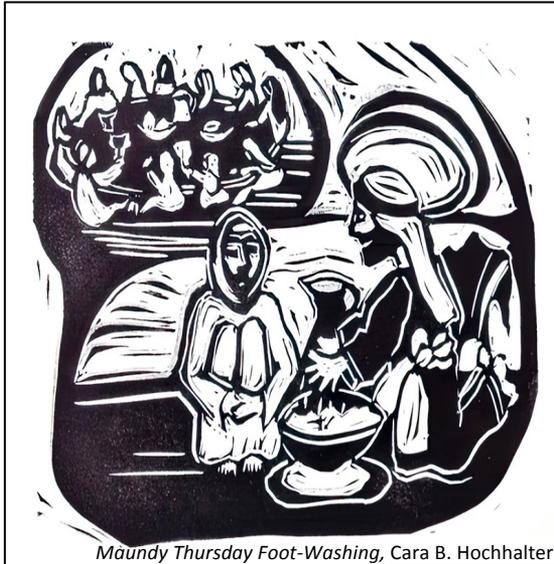


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



Maundy Thursday Foot-Washing, Cara B. Hochhalter

*"Just as I have loved you, you
also should love one another."*

- John 13:34b

April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Vespers

CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Welcome & Announcements

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "The Breath of God" *(Rickie Byars)*

The breath of God is breathing me
And resting in the breath of God
I know that all is well.

The love of God is love in me
And resting in the love of God
I know that all is well.

Call to Worship *(The Iona Community Worship Book – adapted)*

One: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to
the wonder and beauty of creation.

ALL: We give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has
awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that
flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

ALL: We give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, compassionate and patient,
which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in
our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

ALL: We give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which
has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and
shown us how to serve,

ALL: We give you thanks.

One: We gather, O God, celebrating that your Spirit is
present among and within us, and at the heart of all life.
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known

to us in Jesus. Draw us more fully into his presence this night, and so more fully into yours.

ALL: We give thanks for the love we know and experience in Jesus. Love which knows no end.

Song: "Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)" (TFWS #2179, Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community)

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas; Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:7-23

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. **8** Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." **9** "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. **10** He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, **11** and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' **12** He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." **13** They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. **15** And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. **18** For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." **19** And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." **20** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This

cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. **21** But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. **22** The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" **23** They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: John 13:1-17, 34-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to (God). Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that (God) had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** 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.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** 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." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Song: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan*)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love,

I live within you, rest now in me.

Communion / Great Thanksgiving (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give our God thanks and praise.

One: You who created us in your image, you who claims us as your children and calls each of us your beloved, we thank you that even when our love fails, you remain steadfast in yours. As you delivered your children from slavery in Egypt, so you deliver us from all that threatens abundant life. Even though we continue to betray and deny you and your love, to turn from your presence and the divine presence in ourselves and each other, you invite us to your grace-filled table. There is always room at your table. And so we come with gratitude, singing your praise with all of creation:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ, who fed the hungry and healed the hurting, who embodied your liberation and stood with courage against all the unjust systems of oppression and violence that divide and destroy your people and the planet. He proclaimed a new life, an Empire of Grace, and stands among those who still are enslaved and oppressed. Even as the Empire of Power threatened his death, he gathered with his beloved to confirm the gift of love and life that cannot be taken.

Before his arrest . . . And so as we prepare to share this sacred meal together, we remember, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit, O God, on us gathered – virtually and in-person. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use tonight to join in this feast of love.

Pour out your Spirit on us, O God, that we may enter into the brokenness of the world; that we may stand in solidarity with all who suffer and stand against all systems that oppress. Grant us courage and compassion that we may bear the light of your resurrection, living as keepers of your ongoing covenant with all creation, and co-creators of your promised kingdom of love and justice.

Pour out your Spirit that we may be fearless in love – for you, for ourselves, for each and every other. As your love was made flesh in Jesus, in life and in death, so may it find a home in us.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618, African American spiritual)

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...

Let us praise God together on our knees ...

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Departing Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129, anonymous)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)

no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

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