

Kirk O'The Valley Presbyterian Church



Maundy Thursday / Black Friday
April 14, 2022
5:00 PM

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation. **#516 v. 1-2**

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
Chosen by you to be counted your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention,
Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever our place.

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The Upper Room:

Scripture: Mark 14:12-20

The Last Supper(A)(B)

12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb,(C) Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" **13** So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. **14** Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' **15** He will show you a large room upstairs,(D) furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."**16** The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

17 When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. **18** While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

19 They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

20 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. **21** The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

22 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

23 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 "This is my blood of the ^acovenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

25 "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sung Reflection:

"Before They Leave the Upper Room"

Tune: ST. COLUMBIA **#171** ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

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1) Before they leave the upper room

disciples join in singing;

they cannot know the days to come

nor what the night is bringing.

2) So we, like them, can lift our song
to praise our God and Giver;
the Lord who calls us to belong
has made us his for ever.

3) The gifts of peace, the gifts of love
we have been handling, sharing;
God grant us wisdom from above
to show our faith by caring.

4) Although like them we cannot guess
our roads through joy or sorrow,
we trust the risen Christ to bless
and walk with us tomorrow.

One: The table has been set, and with it, the stage,

All: although, we, like your first disciples, remain unaware of the impending danger around us,

One: O Christ, you faced enemies from without, and enemies from within,

All: You faced persecution with the courage of innocence and God's righteousness; so embolden our lives, by the gift and power of faith, speak to us this evening, in the midst of eternal tragedy that gave birth to everlasting hope, in Christ's name, Amen.

Communion of the People

Scripture: Mark 14:32-50

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33** He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. **34** “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” **35** Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. **36** “Abba,^[a] Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? **38** Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **39** Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. **40** When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. **42** Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Jesus Arrested

43 Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.**44** Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” **45** Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. **46** The men seized Jesus and arrested him. **47** Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **48** “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? **49** Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” **50** Then everyone deserted him and fled.

Reflection:

One: Christ, who struggled with the reality of humanity: betrayal, weakness, death,

All: open our hearts and minds to your presence with us,

One: You faced all of the trials we face,

All: When tempted you turned to God in prayer, in all things you sought God's will, we praise you for your strength, faithfulness – by your grace may we become so!

Sung reflection: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Tune: TOPLADY (“Rock of Ages”)

Words: James Montgomery - 1820

1) Go to dark Gethsemane,

All that feel the tempter's power;

Your Redeemer's conflict see,

Watch with Him one bitter hour;

Turn not from His griefs away,

Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2) Follow to the judgment hall;

View the Lord of Life arraigned;

O the wormwood and the gall!

O the pangs His soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;

Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

3) Calvary's mournful mountain climb;

There, adoring at His feet,

Mark the miracle of time,

God's own sacrifice complete;

“It is finished!” hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4) Early hasten to the tomb

Where they laid His breathless clay:

All is solitude and gloom.

Who has taken Him away?

Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.

Savior, teach us so to rise.

Mistrial and Malice:

Scripture: Mark 15:1-24

Jesus Before Pilate

15 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

2 “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

3 The chief priests accused him of many things. **4** So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

5 But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

6 Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. **7** A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. **8** The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

9 “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, **10** knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

12 “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

13 “Crucify him!” they shouted.

14 “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

A **16** The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. **17** They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. **18** And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” **19** Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. **20** And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”).²³ Then they

offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

Reflection:

One: You revealed the contents of the human heart, you gave us the power,

All: And humanity revealed it's wisdom and power, for we betrayed, and condemned our maker, forgive us Lord,

Sung Reflection: "Lead Me to the Cross"

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Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul

Remember redemption's hill

Where Your blood was spilled

For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear

I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross

Where Your love poured out

Bring me to my knees

Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself

I belong to You

Oh lead me lead me to the cross

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human

The word became flesh

Bore my sin in death

Now You're risen

Bridge

To Your heart

To Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

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The Cross:

Scripture: Mark 15:25-37

25 It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. **26** The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews. **27** They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. **[28]** ^[a]**29** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, **30** come down from the cross and save yourself!” **31** In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! **32** Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The Death of Jesus

33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. **34** And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).^[b] **35** When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”**36** Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said. **37** With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Reflection:

One: What was it like on that cross?

All: What went through your mind as those you came to save insulted you and your purpose?

One: Our minds cannot conceive of your power...

All: Our hearts cannot comprehend your love...

One: What plan is this? What victory is this?

All: *What wondrous love is this?*

One: It was not you who should have been forsaken,

All: *It was not you who was guilty,*

One: It was us, all of us,

All: *those who took action against you, and those who fled in fear;*

One: My God, my God...

All: *Why have we forsaken you?*

Sung reflection: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #101

1) When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3) See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Postlude "Paint It Black" (Instrumental) The Rolling Stones