



Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Service of Worship with Lord's Supper
7 P.M. Via Zoom

Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street, Montclair NJ 07042

Have your communion elements ready tonight!

"TOWELS"

Prelude Ed Alstrom, music director and organist

Welcome
Ashes-bread-cross-coins-shoes-oil-towels

Prayer
Loving God, as we gather on this Maundy Thursday, tell us once more of your abundant love given to us in Jesus Christ who came to serve and to save. Draw us into your presence that we may worship you.

Question: Have you ever served someone by washing them? Has anyone served you by washing you?

Scripture John 13.2-4
During supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Meditation

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, Creator and Ruler of the Universe,
to give you thanks and praise.
You formed the world and called it good.
In the days of Noah,
when humankind had become thoroughly evil
in thought and deed,
you sent the great flood to destroy all that you had made.
Yet, in mercy,
you caused the ark to float in safety.
Then, on dry ground, Noah and his family,
and living creatures of every kind,
were brought out by you to begin again.
Beginning with Abraham,
you formed a people as your own
and made covenant to be their God.
When we were slaves in Egypt,
you heard our cries,
sending Moses to lead us into freedom.
You parted the waters of the sea,
leading Israel safely through on dry ground.
Though you gave us the promised land
and made of us a great nation,
we continued to turn from your ways and betray
your commands.
Yet, in love and enduring mercy,
you continued to call us back to you
through the words of the prophets.

We now call out to you,
forever praising your steadfast love and glory:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of glory,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
He lived among us,
teaching and healing,
gathering the outcast and the sinner,
welcoming everyone into the way of abundant life.
By serving, he taught us how to serve.
By loving us fully,
he gave the example of how we are to love one another.
Even on the night of his betrayal,
he loved his own to the end.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine,
gifts from the earth,
and celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving love of Jesus Christ.
Accept, we pray, this offering of thanksgiving,
as we proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, bind us in love
to the church of every time and place.
Loving one another,
may we bear witness that we are disciples of Christ
and serve others as he served us.
With our whole bodies—head, hands, feet—
we give ourselves in humility and gratitude
as we await the day
when we will share this feast at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Song:

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Love as the One who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the One who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more.

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Prayer after Communion

Charge

Every time you use a towel today and tomorrow, be reminded of Jesus' instruction to wash others' feet.

Blessing

Postlude