

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 1, 2010 at 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 11 Washington Street, Cumberland, MD

301-777-3700

PRELUDE:

Wondrous Love

CALL TO WORSHIP:

—Ruth Burgess

Pastor: We will walk to meet you, Jesus, to let you wash our feet.

Women: I don't want to. I would rather stay here in the warm, away from your towels and your water and offers of forgiveness, for I know what you mean, what you ask, what you give.

Men: But I will come, for I cannot stay here alone, and I cannot run elsewhere, for I know that you are waiting, welcoming. And I know that only you can heal me and hold me.

All: **So I will come with empty hands to your supper, empty hands and dirty feet. I will come as your guest and with water, bread and wine you will make me whole and set me free to serve you.**

* HYMN 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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READING:

Luke 22:14-23

ANTHEM:

Ave Verum Corpus

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body, For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the Blood and Water streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy Body broken now and in death's agony.
Now, now, now and in death's agony.

MEDITATION:



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

The Crucifixion
Patricia Kelby, Mezzo-soprano

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
—from the Hermit Songs, Op. 29

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.

BENEDICTION

* HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

“Passion Chorale”

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand