



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

7:00 PM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

LENTEN PROCESSIONAL
THE JOYBELLS

STEVE DANYEW

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. C. E. WALZ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

THOMAS TALLIS

Verily, verily I say unto you: Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man,
and drink ye his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life:
And I will raise him up at the last day; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

* OPENING SENTENCES

On the night of his betrayal, Jesus said, "Little children, I am with you only a little time longer,
and where I am going you cannot come.

And he gave them a new commandment:

"That you love one another just as I have loved you.

By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

As we gather on this night, just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed his disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that in hours of danger we may follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not fully bound ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #437

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY

“WAYFARING STRANGER”

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

“GLORIA PATRI”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 56

ANTHEM

LOVE CONSECRATES THE HUMBLEST ACT

LIM SWEE HONG

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN; ADAM POMEROY, SOLOIST

Love consecrates the humblest act, makes holy each good deed;
it sheds a benediction sweet and honors human need.

When gathered with his chosen few, Christ knelt and washed their feet.
His simple act became a sign of selfless love complete.

(You are my master, you are my Lord.)

You call me Lord and Master all, yet I would humbly bow
and consecrate this lowly deed, as you behold me now.

(I have washed your feet this night.)

As I myself have washed your feet, my children here this night,
this would I have you do to each when I have passed from sight.

Love serves and willing, stoops to serve, what Christ, in love so true,
has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do.

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #203

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

“CHEREPONI”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Follow each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE
THE JOYBELLS AND WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

ARR. STEVE DANYEW

* AT THE PRESENTATION # 708

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN (verse 1)

“SCHUMANN”

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You made us in your image and freed us from the bonds of slavery.

You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness and

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

When we forgot your covenant you spoke through prophets

calling us to turn again to your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs

and with all the faithful in every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
 In humility he descends from your heights to kneel in obedience to love's commands.
 He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin.
 He who is free takes our place in death's prison.
 He who is risen leads us to eternal life.
 So remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
 we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us
 and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
 Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living
 and holy offering of ourselves,
 that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
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Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands.
 Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service.
 As Jesus gave his life for ours help us to live
 our lives for others with humility and persistent courage.
 Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,
 when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with your at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and the blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love at this table, let our lives proclaim that love for the whole world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*(There is no benediction. Please remain seated.
After the stripping of the church is completed, please depart in silence.)*

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Evening's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....Sharon Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; The JoyBells; Wesley Mason, Violin
.....Nancy Hodges, Piano; and Adam Pomeroy, Soloist
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Usher.....Bob Kazary

Please Join Us for the Remainder of our Holy Week Services!

*Good Friday, April 19th at 7:00PM at First Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, April 20th at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)

*Easter Sunday, April 21st = Sunrise service at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00AM