MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
“A Service of Communion Remembering the Last Supper”
April 9, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Tonight we enjoy the blessings of the Lord’s Supper remembering the texts of Scripture that record our Savior’s institution of this New Covenant meal. Monumental events had preceded these moments in the Upper Room and will also occur subsequent to the disciples as they leave to go to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Passover is observed by Christ in obedience to God’s Word. The Old Covenant meal of renewal which remembers the deliverance of God’s people from the bondage of slavery in Egypt through Moses by the power of God....And which also points to the deliverance of God’s people from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

In the midst of turmoil, internal disputes among the disciples and the full knowledge of the task that awaited Him, our Savior washes the feet of the disciples, equips them with the truth of His Word, anoints them with the Holy Spirit, and sends them forward. Come and sit with this same patient, gracious, and glorious Savior and with each other tonight at His Table.

The Prelude

The Call to Worship and Invocation

String Ensemble

Bruce Stallings

“The Hymn of Praise and Adoration
And Can It Be? (Trinity Hymnal)

And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above, So free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself, so great His love, And bled for all His chosen race!
’Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me!
(Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature’s night.
Thine eye diffuse a quick’ning ray. I woke the dungeon flames with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
(Refrain)

“The Confession of Truth
Catechism Questions on Lord’s Supper

[Leaders] What is the Lord’s Supper?

[All] The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament in which bread and wine are given and received as Christ directed to proclaim His death. Those who receive the Lord’s Supper in the right way share in His body and blood with all His benefits, not physically but by faith, and become spiritually stronger and grow in grace.

[Leaders] What is the right way to receive the Lord’s Supper?

[All] The right way to receive the Lord’s Supper is to examine whether we discern the Lord’s body, whether our faith feeds on Him, and whether we have repentance, love, and a new obedience - so that we may not come in the wrong way and eat and drink judgment on ourselves.

Holy Week...What Has Happened?

Bruce Stallings

The Hymn of Preparation

There is a Redeemer, Jesus. God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

[Refrain]

Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit, Til the work on earth is done

Jesus, My Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh for sinners slain (Refrain)

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
There I’ll serve my King forever, In that Holy Place (Refrain)

Scripture Reading

1 Cor. 11:17-34

Ministry in Music

Jeff and Angie Flaniken

Pastoral Homily

Pastor Reeder

Closing Hymn:
Hallelujah, What a Savior

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry
Now in Heaven exalted high. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our Glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring
The new song I’ll sing Hallelujah, what a Savior!

The Pastoral Benediction

The Postlude

String Ensemble

As we leave tonight remember that following the institution of the Lord’s Supper, Christ went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and prepare for His ordeal the following day. There He would be arrested by the betrayal of Judas. Tonight as we leave, Let us also commit to prayerfully preparing for Good Friday as we gather at 12:00 noon for “A Service of Lessons and Hymns on the Seven Last Words of Christ.”