



**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista,  
United Church of Christ**

**Maundy Thursday Worship On-Line; April 9, 2020**

**Order of Worship with Scripture, Hymns and Communion Liturgy**

### **Call To Worship**

**Pastor:** We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

**People:** We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

**Pastor:** We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

**All:** In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," Red Hymnal, #258; Verses 1 and 3**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count by loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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?

**Prayers of the People (All are invited to say, "O, Lord, hear our prayer" at the end of every phrase.)**

**Scripture Reading:**

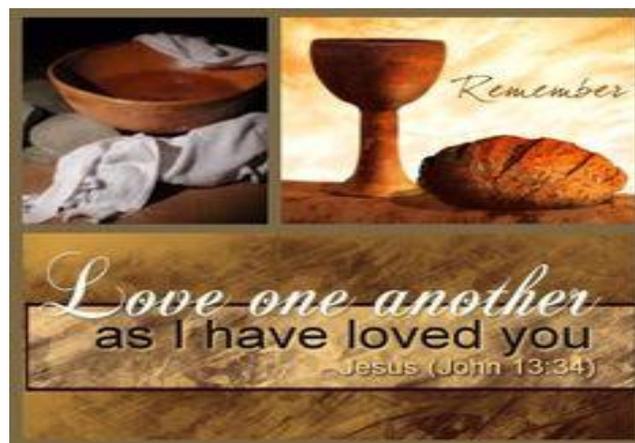
**John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (New Revised Standard Version)**

*13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."*

*<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."*

*<sup>31</sup> ...Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

## **Communion Meditation**



## **Communion Liturgy**

### **The Invitation**

**Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This," NCH, #223, Verses 1 and 3**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this! That Christ should come in bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

### **Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

*Giver of Life, from time immemorial you call us to yourself. In ways too numerous to mention, we fail to respond. Forgive us, we pray. Our limited understanding of culture gets in the way of fellowship with those different from ourselves. Our limited vision of community gets in the way of your call to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to seek justice and peace for all. Replace our arrogance, Merciful One, with the humility and caring service Jesus modeled, for truly we are not greater than our Teacher and Savior. Amen.*

### **Words of Assurance (Pastor Liz)**

God gives us grace and more grace.

Be assured of this truth, that in Christ you are forgiven!

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Prayer of Consecration: (In Unison, while placing our hands over the elements)**  
*Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.*

**Words of Institution:** We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying; “this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**Pastor:** Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

### **Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)**

**Sharing of the Elements**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

*We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### Closing Hymn: "Were You There," Red, #287; Verses 1, 2, 3

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

### Benediction

May we go into this night contemplating what Jesus faced on that fateful Thursday and Friday. Make note of what you experienced this evening. May you be continually transformed into the image of Christ. Just as Jesus honored God by placing God's will above his own, may God be glorified through our lives. Be of good courage! Trust in God in whom we have salvation and hope. Amen.

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