

Maundy Thursday Worship: "Behold the Lamb"

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God of Love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Holy Spirit work in our churches and our community a desire and commitment to serve each other in a hurting world.

People: We thank you Lord God for the gift of your son Jesus Christ. We gather this afternoon to remember the holy night on the eve of your crucifixion, to worship you and to share the meal that you gave us.

Leader: Let us long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming Kingdom.

People: May our worship today deepen our anticipation of that glorious day.

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Jesus gave us the command to love one another.

People: Let us love and serve one another just as Jesus loves and serves us.

Leader: In worship this night, let us recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

Unison Prayer: Lord God, we adore you for laying down your crown in complete humility to serve us. We praise you for the example of servant-hood when you bent down to wash the disciples' feet. Teach us to do as you have done. Wash away our arrogance and feed us with the bread of life. Deliver us from pride, jealousy, personal ambition and make us ready to serve one another in lowliness for your sake. Give us the strength to forgive one another as we have been forgiven. Through your Holy Spirit grant us the courage never to deny you. Preserve us from the Gethsemane sleep and help us to keep vigilant in prayer, steadfast in trust, and grateful for your risen presence with us. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (page 92)

Meditation: "The Passover Lamb"

Hymn of Preparation: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross " #223

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Heavenly Father; we come to you humbly tonight recognizing and seeking your forgiveness.

We have not always lived life as we should. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and we have not always loved our neighbors like we love ourselves. Forgive our selfishness, our indifference, and our rebellious nature.

We pray humbly Father that through Your Holy Spirit, You will lead us in the truth. Change our hearts and minds to be in line with Your will. Show us and provide opportunities in our life to love others the way You have loved us. Grant us the courage and enthusiasm in our hearts and minds to serve You and others as Jesus Christ served us.

Pastor: Let us now pray silently and ask God to forgive us for seeking our own personal interests rather than God's will for us.

Time of Silent Prayer of Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Preparation: "Were You There?" #228

Words of Institution

The Lord's Supper by Intinction

You are invited to stay and pray in silence until you are ready to leave or leave in silence following partaking of communion.