



Shelby Presbyterian Church  
April 18, 2019

*Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35*

PRELUDE: "*Adagio in G Minor*"

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\*OPENING PRAYER

Luke Harkey

**Lord of Love, we gather here tonight as your disciples. We remember the night you gathered with your first disciples, showing your love in humble service - the breaking of bread, the sharing of the cup, and the washing of feet. Wash us and feed us once again, we gladly welcome you. Amen.**

\*HYMN #202: "*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*" vs. 1-3

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we do not bind 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. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

. . . Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

. . . May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-15

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God most high, on this night we remember Jesus humbly washing the feet of his disciples.

**Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**

We pray for the church and for all who serve others, especially those in most need.

**Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**

We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness.

**Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**

We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster.

**Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**

We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught.

**Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.**

Most holy God, empower us to love as Jesus loved.

Renew in us your call to love one another,

to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do.

Let us pray as Jesus taught his disciples...

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;**

**for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:7-10, 14-20

MEDIATION: "The Passover Meal"

Luke Harkey

COMMUNION

*Communion will be served by intinction.*

Hymn #518: "Lamb of God"

Hymn #525: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

\*HYMN 215: "What Wondrous Love Is This" verses 1 & 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 caused the Lord of bliss***

***to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,***

***to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!***

***When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,***

***when I was sinking down, sinking down,***

***when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,***

***Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,***

***Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!***

\*INSTRUMENTAL: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Bach/Howlett

\*CANDLES EXTINGUISHED

\*STRIPPING THE CHANCEL

\*DEPART IN SILENCE

\*Those who are able may stand.

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You are invited to join us for our Good Friday Service tomorrow, April 19, at Noon in the Chapel.

Join us for worship on Easter morning, Sunday, April 21, at 7:00 am (Courtyard); 8:30 am (Chapel), or 11:00 am (Sanctuary).

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## Holy Thursday Evening

On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples at Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church's celebrations of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian Year during which our Lord died, was buried, and rose again.

Historically, Holy Thursday has included a series of distinctive elements: (1) penitence; (2) Holy Scripture; (3) footwashing; (4) Holy Communion; (5) the stripping of the church; (6) Tenebrae (extinguishing the light); and (7) departing in silence.

This day is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday," a term derived through the Old French *mandé* from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new commandment" associated with John 13:34 and perhaps also with the footwashing reported earlier in the same chapter.

### Two Prayers for Maundy Thursday Psalm 116:15-16

O Lord, as I live for you this day,  
keep me faithful.  
Let my living and my dying  
be precious in your sight,  
so that I may live for you forever;  
I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

O Lord, as I rest in you this night,  
keep me faithful.  
Let my dying and my living  
be precious in your sight  
so that I may rest in you forever;  
I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.