



**The First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York**

April 14, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

"The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

***Call to Worship**

One: We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed. Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose Life was poured out for you?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

One: Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

All: By the grace of God, we can.

One: Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

All: By the grace of God, we will.

One: Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

All: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

***Hymn**

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.*

*And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.*

*No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.*

***Psalm Reading (from Psalm 116)**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, God – we bend our knee in confession before you. We have not walked the same road that your beloved Son walked to the cross, and yet we consider our burdens a priority. We do not go out of the way to help others carry their burdens; we walk past others, following our own drummer. Can you forgive us, Lord?

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Lord is merciful and kind. He will not treat us according to our sins; he will send his Son to redeem us from all unworthiness, through Jesus the Christ, the Passover Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

All: Amen.

***Choral Response**

*“Amen”
Amen, amen, amen!
Amen, amen, amen!*

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

Billy Meredith

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us the wisdom of your Spirit to understand and receive the depth and breadth of the love that Christ showers upon us. Bless this reading of your Word that we might be transformed by its grace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had

come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' 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."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Maundy Thursday Meditation

"Wonder-Working Power"

Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn

"Stay with Me"

#204

*Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray.
Watch and pray.*

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Prayer

One: Merciful Savior, we have traveled this long, dusty Lenten journey. Our feet are tired, dirty, aching, and calloused. You have shown us your love by becoming a humble servant. Humble us when we try to travel without you.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

One: Humble us when we believe some work is below us. As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another. Humble us when we are too proud to accept help, or care, or love.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

One: Humble us when we do not fully receive the gift of your amazing and bountiful grace.

All: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another. Amen.

Eucharist

**Presentation of Gifts & Offerings – tonight's offering will be given to One Great Hour of Sharing
Call to the Offering**

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* verse 4

#223

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, it is our delight to give these gifts to you. All we are, and all we have belong to you. Accept this grateful offering as a token of our love. Use our gifts we pray, to bring joy in these days. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

“O Lamb of God Most Holy”

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, Jesus!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruit of redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Were You There”

#228

*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 pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

(Continued)

*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**
Postlude

Leading us this evening in worship are:

Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays, Pastor
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Ed Furgol, Liturgist