

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Worship for April 1, 2021  
Maundy Thursday

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

Liturgist

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Liturgist

L: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

**C: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.**

L: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

**C: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

L: As we break the bread and share the cup,

**C: our understanding may fail us.**

L: But we will never forget Christ's example.

**C: We will never forget the full extent of his love.**

**Apostles Creed**

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria**

Chancel Choir

**Responsive Reading:**

Liturgist

L: some shout hosanna

**C: some shout crucify**

L: some shout Jesus

**C: some shout Barabbas**

L: some wave palms

**C: some shake their fists, *today we choose...***

L: some break bread

**C: some break silence**

L: some proclaim Jesus

**C: some deny Jesus**

L: some carry the cross

**C: some run from the cross, *today we choose...***

L: some are angry

**C: some rejoice**

L: some anoint with costly perfume

**C: some complain at the waste**

L: some like the light

**C: some prefer the shadows, *today we choose...***

L: some weep

**C: some conspire**

L: some follow

**C: some hide**

L: some believe

**C: some betray, *today we choose (CONTINUED)***

L: to shout for life  
L: to break bread  
L: to trust love

**C: to follow the cross**  
**C: to hold belief**  
**C:and tell the world, *we choose to follow Jesus***

## Special Music

**Scripture:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Liturgist

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave 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 evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped 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 replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dan Elmore

**Invitation, Confession, and Pardon**

Rev. Dan Elmore

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dan Elmore

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**C:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**C:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

**C:** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**C:** Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we would go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Offering & Announcements**

Rev. Dan Elmore

## **Benediction: Unison Reading**

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**C:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen!