

MAUNDY THURSDAY
by KEVIN DEYOUNG

Like millions of Christians around the world, we will have a Maundy Thursday service tonight. If you’ve never heard the term, it’s not Monday-Thursday (which always confused me as a kid), but Maundy Thursday, as in Mandatum Thursday. Mandatum is the Latin word for “command” or “mandate”, and the day is called Maundy Thursday because on the night before his death Jesus gave his disciples a new command. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34).

At first it seems strange that Christ would call this a new command. After all, the Old Testament instructed God’s people to love their neighbors and Christ himself summarized the law as love for God and love for others. So what’s new about love? What makes the command new is that because of Jesus’ passion there is a new standard, a new exemplar of love.

There was never any love like the dying love of Jesus. It is tender and sweet (13:33). It serves (13:2-17). It loves even unto death (13:1). Jesus had nothing to gain from us by loving us. There was nothing in us to draw us to him. But he loved us still, while we were yet sinners. At the Last Supper, in the garden, at his betrayal, facing the Jewish leaders, before Pontius Pilate, being scourged, carrying his cross, being nailed to the wood, breathing his dying breath, forsaken by God—he loved us.

To the end.
To death.
Love shone best and brightest at Calvary.

Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell’s worst that I might attain heaven’s best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, athirst that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, entered darkness that I might have eternal life. My Saviour wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes, groaned that I might have endless song, endured all pain that I might have unfading health, bore a thorned crown that I might have a glory-diadem, bowed his head that I might uplift mine, experienced reproach that I might receive welcome, closed his eyes in death that I might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that I might for ever live. (The Valley of Vision, “Love Lustres at Calvary”)

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Maundy Thursday

APRIL 6, 2023 • 7:00 P.M.



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EVENING WORSHIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6th, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*
Rev. Ken Wendland, *assisting*

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. — Isaiah 53:10

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
This Is My Commandment
George Thalben-Ball

This is my commandment: that ye love together as I have loved you.

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 34:8

INVOCATION*

HYMN N^o 648* My Jesus, I Love Thee

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Ken Wendland, *associate pastor*
Matthew 26:17-29, *pg. 832*

CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN N^o 649* More Love to Thee, O Christ

* Please stand.
** All wafers are gluten free.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” (vv. 1-4)

All: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. (5-7)

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. (8-13)

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!” I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. (14-17)

Leader: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. (18-21)

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (22-29)

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
arr. David Cherwien

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight’s splendor; there with joy your praises render.

Bless the One whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; he,
though heav’nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread
of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure; worthily
let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.
— *Johann Franck, trans. Winkworth*

SERMON Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*
The Cup He Had to Drink
Matthew 26:36-46, *pg. 832*

HYMN N^o 188* Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

COMMUNION**

HYMN N^o 660* O God, Beyond All Praising

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*



Join us tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. for our Good Friday service.

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Join us on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.