



"Washing of the Feet," John August Swanson
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 6, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
7:00 P.M.

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What a shock for the disciples—what a shock for us, if we rehear the story with fresh ears—when Jesus does not pass on a mantle of authority, but a towel. A towel. Jesus rises from the meal, lifts off his outer garments, and wraps a towel around his waist. Then he proceeds on all fours around the table, washing his disciples' dirt-encrusted feet.... A towel: something used to dry dishes, wash children, wipe tables, clean wounds, cool fevers, warm aching joints, swaddle babies, mop up sweat, blot away tears. The mantle of Jesus' authority is a tool of women's work—of practical, daily, unglamorous service.

- Mary Louise Bringle

Gathering Music

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

* Call to Worship

(Cristina)

Leader: This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Leader: This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done.

People: This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast.

Leader: This is the day that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice,

People: and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

THE TOWEL AND BASIN

* Hymn of Remembering (CONGR 465 Verses 1-2)

"As He Gathered at His Table"
STUART

Psalm Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Psalm 146

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 13.3-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

We Remember the Towel and Basin

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** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

THE TABLE

Hymn of Remembering (CONGR 465 Verses 3-4)

"As He Gathered at His Table"
STUART

Psalm Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Psalm 63

Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Matthew 26.17-29

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

We Remember the Table

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THE PRAYER

Hymn of Remembering (CONGR 465 Verses 5-6)

"As He Gathered at His Table"
STUART

Psalm Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Psalm 22.1-2, 14-24

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 26.30, 36-46

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Discipline of Confession

Leader: Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before
you the truth of who we are.

We confess our failure to love as Christ loved...

We confess our covetousness and greed...

We confess our weakness before temptation...

We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world...

People:

Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We Remember Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Remembering (CONGR 465 Verse 7)

"As He Gathered at His Table"
STUART

Benediction and Removal of the Christ Candle

Postlude

"Lily of the Valley"
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Please leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection and greet one another in the narthex.

TONIGHT IN WORSHIP

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Matthew Johnston Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

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