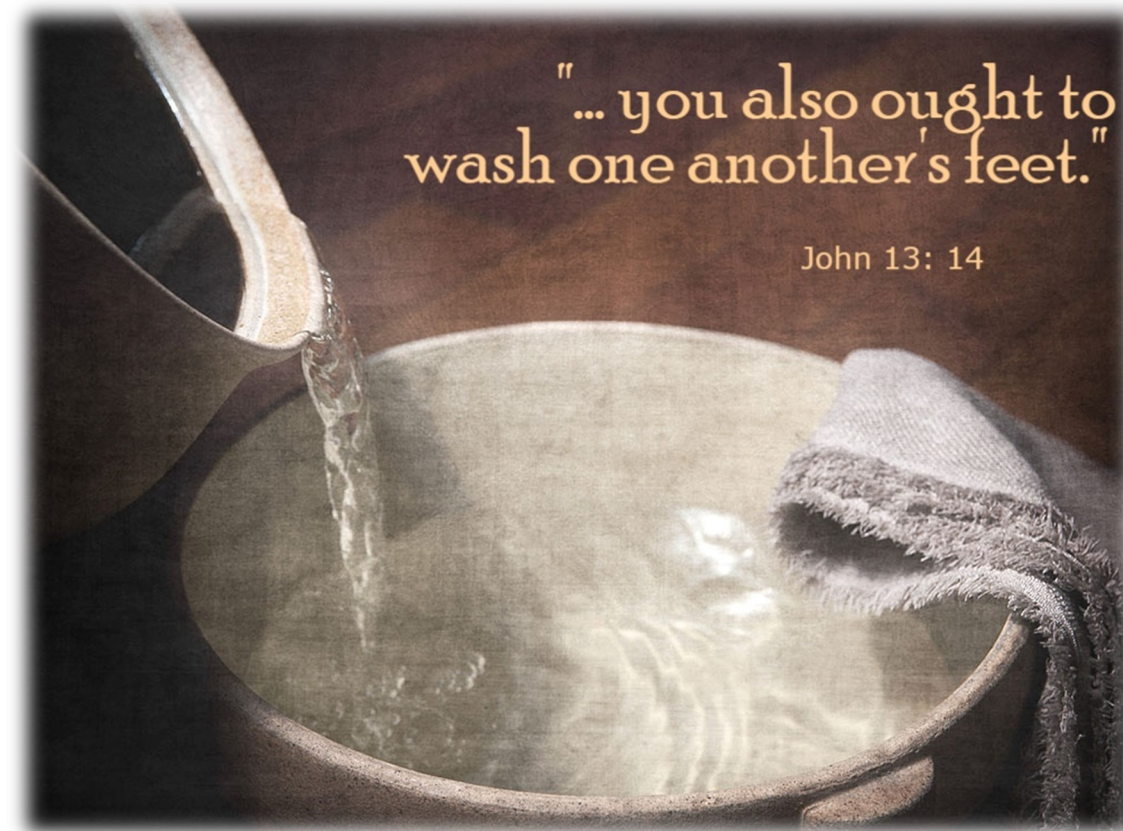


Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H



Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024

Please silence your cell phone

Meditation Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. by Douglas Wagner
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Sara

Call to Worship

Leader: A meal, a table, a group of friends. Water, bread, wine.

People: *So simple, so powerful. A promise: life abundant. A commandment: love one another.*

All: *Let the feast of love commence! Let us worship God!*

Hymn

(please stand if able)

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Fred Pratt Green
#767 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

*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.*

Litany Prayer of Preparation

Pastor Jim

Leader: Gracious God, we give you thanks this night for the privilege of gathering together to remember, to celebrate, and to share. We give you thanks for the journey we have been on with you—from manger to Temple, from Egypt to Galilee, from darkness to light.

People: *Tonight we feast, as you did on a night like this so long ago, remembering your promises, your mighty deeds, your rescue of your people, your saving grace. As we share this meal tonight, make us mindful of those who are hungry. As we celebrate together, make us mindful of those who sorrow and those who are alone. As we remember once again all you have done and all that you are, form us once again into your people.*

Leader: May all who hunger come to rejoice in the feast of your kingdom. Let all the human family sit at your table, drink the wine of deliverance, and eat the bread of freedom.

People: *As we remember and feast, as we celebrate and anticipate, as we come to both darkness and betrayal we ask that you would move us fully into the passion of your Son, our Savior with our eyes and our hearts wide open. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.*

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 116: 1 -7, 12 -19

Pew Bible pp. 564 - 565

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
 "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
 our God is merciful.
⁶ The Lord protects the simple;
 when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,
 for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

¹² What shall I return to the Lord
 for all his bounty to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
 and call on the name of the Lord,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
 You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
 and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Anthem

Gathered in the Upper Room
 Faye Lopez and Patricia Mock
 LNPC Chancel Choir

Gathered as the time was drawing near,
 The Savior spoke to those so dear.
 Just a while before He had to go,
 With tenderness He showed such care.

Sitting 'round the table for a meal,
 He shared with them the Father's will.
 There, together in the Upper Room,
 Preparing now for what would come.

"Peace I leave with you,
 Not as the world would give,
 That your joy may be complete,
 Forever with me live."

Then the Master washed the feet of men,
 Not just His servants, but His friends.

"When you take the cup and eat this bread,
 Remember Me and all I've said.
 As I love you, love one another,
 As I serve you, serve each other,

Let your light shine!
 Let the world see
 A reflection of My love, My love."

"Peace, my peace I leave with you,
 Not as the world would give,
 That your joy may be complete,
 Forever with Me live."

Knowing now the time was drawing near,
 Gathered in the Upper Room.

Second Scripture Reading

John 13: 1 -17, 31 - 35
 Pew Bible pp. 107 - 108

¹ 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Homily

Love Incarnate

Hymn of Invitation (please stand if able)

Come, Share the Lord
Bryan Jeffery Leech
#782 (vv. 1, 2)

*We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here,
Everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here,
We in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.*

*We are now a family
Of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation (bread is gluten-free)

Prayer of Consecration

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanks (The 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 and the Power
and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

Closing Hymn

(please stand if able)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Appalachian Folk Hymn

#212 (vv. 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!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great " I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

Benediction

Please depart quietly from the Sanctuary

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