

The Worship of God

March 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 53:6-7 (Read Responsively)

All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned—every one—to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

Yet he opened not his mouth;

Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

“O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED”

Trinity Hymnal #247

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners’ gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain,
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch-safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow, to thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, out-live my love to thee.

WE PRAY TOGETHER (Based on The Lord’s Prayer)

- Our Father in Heaven, make your name great in our hearts
- Bring your kingly rule on this earth and in our lives
- Grant us our needs Lord, as you see fit for us
- Forgive us of our many sins and wanderings
- And help us to forgive others
- Save us from times of trial, guard our hearts from the evil within us and outside of us
- We pray we would see your kingdom, and power, and glory be yours forever more

“WHO IS THIS, SO WEAK AND HELPLESS?”

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod:
He is Lord from everlasting,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life’s hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan’s sway?
Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down:
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
Tis our God Who lives forever
Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly.

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WE READ FROM GOD’S WORD: Matthew 26:59-66

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, **“This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”** ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, **“Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”** ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, **“I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”** ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, **“You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”** ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, **“He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.”** ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?” They answered, **“He deserves death.”**

“MAN OF SORROWS”

Trinity Hymnal #246

Man of Sorrows! what a name,
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

HOMILY: *“Silence of the Lamb”*

Pastor Michael Colvard

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TOGETHER

(wine is in the outer most ring, grape juice is in the inner rings)

“WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

Trinity Hymnal #261

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;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter. Also referred to as "Holy Thursday" or "Great Thursday" in some Christian traditions. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. In contrast to joyful Easter celebrations when Christians worship their resurrected Savior, a Maundy Thursday service is typically a more solemn occasion, marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal.

What Does "Maundy" Mean? Derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment," Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

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