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LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged
in Spirit-filled Service.*



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“Jesus, Peter and Me”

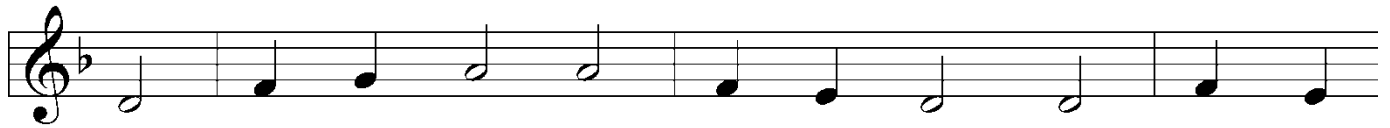
Peter was the most outspoken of the disciples, but he often put his foot in his mouth. Yet God used him to accomplish great things. As we look at Peter, we learn a bit about ourselves. Join us as we look in the mirror and find Peter, the Rock, and our Lord standing near.

On Maundy Thursday, Christ instituted a new covenant in His own blood. His body and blood, given and shed for us, are given us in the Lord’s Supper for the forgiveness of sins.

THE HYMN

“WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED”

HYMN 429 v 1-4



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner’s hope let
let - ters, “God is love.” He bears our sins up -
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - ’ry bit - ter cup.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the giving Father and of the serving Son and of the guiding Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: On the night He was to be betrayed, Jesus rose from supper, took a towel, girded Himself with it, and washed His disciples feet.

People: We come tonight to remember His humble service, and to be strengthened to be servants like Him.

Pastor: When Jesus commands us to take up the towel, how often we refuse.

People: The task of service is too menial, too unpleasant, too inconvenient. Lord Jesus, forgive us our reluctance to serve.

Pastor: On the night before He died, Jesus took bread and the cup and gave Himself to His disciples.

People: We come tonight to receive Jesus again in His holy supper and to celebrate His gift to us.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: On Maundy Thursday, as we come to the Lord's table, we receive the body and the blood of our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins and also for the strengthening of our faith. Certainly there are times when we all betray the Son of Man. We act carelessly and selfishly in the presence of our Holy God. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, our Father. O God...

People: We confess to You that we have sinned. We have betrayed You in our words, actions, and thoughts. We have acted carelessly and selfishly in Your presence. Yet, we know that our Lord, Jesus Christ died to take our sins upon Himself, and through Him we have the assurance of forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son Jesus have mercy and forgive us.

Pastor: Our merciful God has heard our plea for forgiveness and has offered His only Son to die for our forgiveness. Therefore in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 3:21-31

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 13:1-20

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He

rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the

living and the dead.

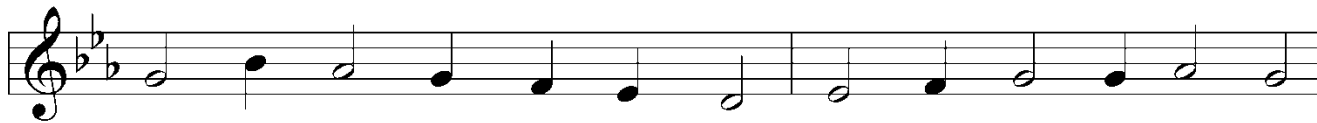
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.



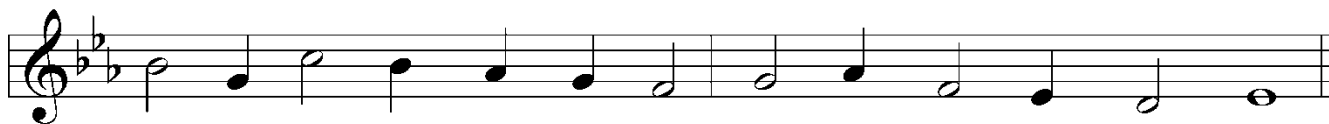
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Once You knelt to wash Your disciples' feet, teach us Your love and empower us with Your Spirit, that we may manifest this saving love to those around us. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Once You set apart bread and wine to be Your own precious body and blood, renew our faith that we may come to Your table and receive in faith the gifts of forgiveness and life which are given in this holy supper. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Once You were betrayed by one whom You loved into suffering and death for us and our sins, grant us the courage to believe and the wisdom to recognize the power of temptation and evil that through Your Spirit we might resist. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Once You made known Your love for the least, the lost, and the suffering, send now Your healing love on all who are sick and bring them hope and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Once You prayed that Your disciples might be one, send now the Spirit of unity and peace to Your Church. Where it is in error, bring truth; where it is divided, bring reconciliation; and where it is persecuted, bring strength and confidence. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Once You suffered when Pilate condemned You, send now Your peace to our world, equip leaders to serve with justice and integrity, preserve the freedom which we enjoy, and protect the weak from oppression. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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 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 and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

You may be seated

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

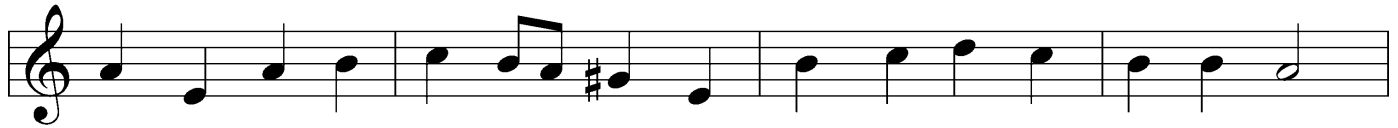
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

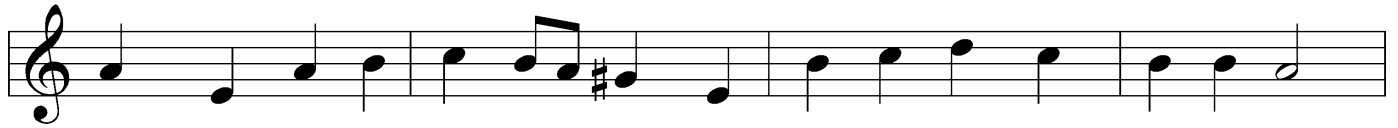
HYMN

"ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"

HYMN 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The observance of Good Friday begins with this simple devotion at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday worship service. All altar ware and adornments are removed from the Altar—symbolic of Christ being stripped of His clothing during the crucifixion. After the stripping of the altar has been completed, portions of Psalm 22 are read by the pastor.

Our Holy Week Devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 pm. We will return Sunday morning to celebrate the Easter message at 10:30am.