

MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 2024
7:00 PM

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

Refrain

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

Refrain

*In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.*

Refrain

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.*

Refrain

Welcome



Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

What shall we return to the LORD
for all his bounty to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;
we will pay our vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

—from Psalm 116:12-14, NRSV



Invocation

Holy God, your Son Jesus came as a servant
to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life.

We praise you for inviting us
to serve one another without pride,
to forgive one another as we have been forgiven,
and to feast at his table as members of one household. **Amen.**

 Hymn 175

Hallelujah! What a Savior

The Table

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:14-22

Communion *(by Intinction)*

Special Music—

Behold the Lamb (during Communion)

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in the bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So share in the of bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on
earth.
As we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
around the table of the King.*

Come Unto Jesus (during Communion)

Verse 1

*Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.*

Verse 2

*Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."*

Chorus

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.*

Verse 3

*Come taste the Bread of Life; broken for sinners;
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.*

Chorus

Verse 4

*Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;*

*Come unto Jesus, take up your cross,
Life everlasting He offers to us!*

Chorus

Chorus

Tag

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Blessing of the Elements

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who became the true paschal
Lamb that was sacrificed for our salvation. Therefore
we join our voices with all the saints and angels and
the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Confession

Scripture Reading *Luke 22:23, 31-34, 47-62*

Reflection *Our Faithlessness*

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:
We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,
and run in fear when we should be loyal.
Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound
ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us weak and willful
people. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to
Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we
grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We have seen and do testify
that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.
God abides in those who confess
that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.
Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world.
In Christ we are forgiven.
And through him God abides with even us.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

—based on 1 John 4:14-16, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

The Cross

Scripture Reading *Luke 23: 1-25*

Reflection Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen
One Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain form His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Scripture Reading *Luke 23: 32-43*

Offertory *The Power of the Cross*

*Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter tho't , ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your blood-stained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross*

*Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us,
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Scripture Reading *Luke 23: 44-47*

Hymn 185 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Reflection *His Faithfulness*

Hymn 210 *Jesus Paid it All*

Benediction

Postlude *Jesus Paid It All
(Harp Solo—Kathryn Riggs)*

Special thanks to our Harpist tonight, Kathryn Riggs