

eat  
this bread,  
and  
drink  
this cup



SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Maundy Thursday Service* *April 1, 2010*



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Leader: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**People: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (Psalm 34:7-10)**

HYMN

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;*

*Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand*

*Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Hail, hosanna! Son of David! Glory to our Lord Most High!”*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And with you also.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Rev. William Luce

CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, on this, the night you were betrayed, you gave Christian to Christian, sister to sister, brother to brother in the bonds of your strong love.

**People: I have not loved others as myself. I have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Leader: Lord, on this, the night you were betrayed, you offered up your own body and blood that all may be in Holy Communion with the Father.

**People: I have not loved the Lord my God with my whole heart, my whole soul, my whole mind, my whole strength. I have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Leader: But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**People: For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Leader: They are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective

through faith.

**People: For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Leader: God did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

**People: For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Have mercy, Lord Jesus.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST READING                      Jonah 4:1-2

GOSPEL READING                  John 13:1-30

ANTHEM

READER'S HOMILY    *The Sign Of Jonah: "On The Same Page"*

HYMN    *"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"*

*Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure.*

*Flee the world, which would deceive us, and to sin our souls allure.*

*Let us do the Father's bidding, Faithful Lord, abide with me:*

*Savior, lead, I follow thee.*

## PRAYERS

Leader: Dear Lord, Jonah tried to flee from your grace as he said later, “I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love.” (*Jonah 4:2*) Bring us, we pray, to the table of your grace, that we may dine on your divine mercy.

**People: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.** (*John 3:16*)

Leader: Heavenly Father, you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up as a ransom for many. Send we pray, your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may be filled with such self-sacrificial love. Teach us to love our enemies and pray for those who hate us.

**People: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.** (*John 3:16*)

Leader: Lord, Jesus, as you, in base servitude, washed the feet of your disciples, teach us to be servants to all. Put us on the same page with you, O Christ, who gave yourself to death that all may know your Father. In your name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

This is the Lord’s Table! We invite all those who profess Christ as Lord and Savior to celebrate the Lord’s Supper with us.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Choir:**

*To the Lord now lifted high see my heart made black with sin.  
Savior, come! To you I cry: Make my spirit clean within.  
Grateful shouts of praise are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

Leader: Always and everywhere thanks and praise are due to you, Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, who, on a night of high celebration and base betrayal, commanded that love reign between us, fulfilling that command himself by going forth to show such love for us, even unto death on a cross. So joined with hosts below and above we raise our praise:

**Choir:**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of glory, pow'r and might;  
Hosts in heav'n and earth adore Christ who on this fateful night  
Offered up this saving sign of his sacrifice divine.*

Leader: St. Paul writes: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

**Choir:**

*On the night he was betrayed, gathered in an upper room  
With his friends, our Savior prayed. "This, my body, giv'n for you  
Now is broken," Jesus said, off'ring them the broken bread.*

Leader: "In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

**Choir:**

*On the night he was betrayed, after all the feast was through,  
Lifting high a cup Christ prayed, "In my blood a cov'nant new  
Has been sealed." Yea, in this hour we recall that cov'nant's power.*

Leader: "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

**Choir:**

*Jesus, by my sin betrayed, Lamb of God, by my guilt shorn,  
My transgressions on you laid, my cruel cross by you once borne;  
Still you give yourself to me at this table, joyfully.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Choir:**

*Lamb of God, your blood removes all the sin this world contains.  
Lamb of God, your love behooves me to sing your loud refrains.  
Lord, have mercy. Peace bestow on your children here below.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*The Congregation will come forward by the center aisle,  
partake, return by side aisle and be seated. Persons unable to  
come forward may be served in the pew.*

**Choir and people:**

*When in heav'n I voice my praise at the Lamb's high wedding feast,  
Joining there, one cup to raise, with the host from sin released  
We shall toast the cov'nant made on the night Christ was betrayed.*

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

*“Abide With Me”*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*