

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

by KEVIN DEYOUNG

Like millions of Christians around the world, we will have a Maundy Thursday service tonight. If you've never heard the term, it's not Monday-Thursday (which always confused me as a kid), but Maundy Thursday, as in Mandatum Thursday. Mandatum is the Latin word for "command" or "mandate", and the day is called Maundy Thursday because on the night before his death Jesus gave his disciples a new command. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

At first it seems strange that Christ would call this a new command. After all, the Old Testament instructed God's people to love their neighbors and Christ himself summarized the law as love for God and love for others. So what's new about love? What makes the command new is that because of Jesus' passion there is a new standard, a new exemplar of love.

There was never any love like the dying love of Jesus. It is tender and sweet (13:33). It serves (13:2-17). It loves even unto death (13:1). Jesus had nothing to gain from us by loving us. There was nothing in us to draw us to him. But he loved us still, while we were yet sinners. At the Last Supper, in the garden, at his betrayal, facing the Jewish leaders, before Pontius Pilate, being scourged, carrying his cross, being nailed to the wood, breathing his dying breath, forsaken by God—he loved us.

To the end.  
To death.  
Love shone best and brightest at Calvary.

*Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, athirst that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, entered darkness that I might have eternal life. My Saviour wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes, groaned that I might have endless song, endured all pain that I might have unfading health, bore a thorned crown that I might have a glory-diadem, bowed his head that I might uplift mine, experienced reproach that I might receive welcome, closed his eyes in death that I might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that I might for ever live. (The Valley of Vision, "Love Lustres at Calvary")*

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thursday, march 28, 2024



# EVENING WORSHIP

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Rev. Ben Falconer, *preaching*  
Rev. Jeremy Johnson, *assisting*

Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.  
— Psalm 41:9

PRELUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

WELCOME Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir

*God Is Love*  
George Thalben-Ball

God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.  
— 1 John 4:16

CALL TO WORSHIP\* Psalm 34:8

INVOCATION\*

HYMN N° 648\* My Jesus, I Love Thee

CONFESSION OF SIN

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever." (vv. 1-4)

All: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. (5-7)

\* Please stand.

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. (8-13)

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. (14-17)

Leader: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. (18-21)

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (22-29)

HYMN\* My Jesus, in Gethsemane

SCRIPTURE READING\* Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*  
Matthew 26:14-29, *pg. 832*

CHORAL ANTHEM Chancel Choir

*O sacrum convivium*  
Giovanni Croce

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received; he calls to mind his holy passion, fills us with grace, and pledges future glory to us. Alleluia.

SERMON Rev. Ben Falconer, *senior pastor*

"Is It I, Rabbi?"  
Matthew 26:14-29, *pg. 832*

HYMN N° 421\* Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

## COMMUNION

*Communion elements are distributed in nested cups.  
A gluten-free wafer is in the cup beneath the juice.*

## PRAYER

HYMN N° 660\* O God, Beyond All Praising

## BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE Dr. Ryan Kelly, *organ*

## MY JESUS, IN GETHSEMANE



1. My Je - sus, in Geth - sem - a - ne, fell down up -  
2. De - spair - ing, his dis - ci - ples slept while sor - rowed  
3. Then sol - diers came there sud - den - ly with one he  
4. His clo - sest friends then turned and fled, suc - cumb - ing  
5. So wake me, Lord, and bid me rise, to heed your



on his knees, to plead with God most ur - gent - ly, "Re -  
tears he wept. They slum - bered thro' their Lord's last night, not  
said would be the ser - vant of un - right - eous - ness be -  
to their dread, un - will - ing to de - fend their Lord and  
Spir - it's cries, and rouse me up to serve your name, to



move this cup from me!" An an - gel came to strength - en  
know - ing of his plight. He woke them so to keep them  
tray - ing with a kiss. When Je - sus spoke his ho - ly  
risk the Ro - man sword. Like them, I all too of - ten  
spread a - broad your fame. Dear Lord, help me to ne'er shrink



him, re - lieve his ag - o - ny, and steel his  
from temp - ta - tion's dead - ly pow'r, and chid - ed  
name, they all fell back in fright! Yet har - dened  
stray and sleep when I should wake, I cow - er  
back from what you call me to, and give me



will to face the dawn, when he'd as - cend the Tree.  
them for fail - ing to fore - see their need that hour.  
they pro - ceed - ed to ar - rest their King that night.  
when I should be bold, my Je - sus, I for - sake.  
strength to bear my cross, to fol - low af - ter you.

Words and Music: Gideon Whitehead