



Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 1, 2021
Maundy Thursday
7 pm

Our Vocalist this evening is Gerald Doyle.

**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE:

Bread of the World

arr. Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP In Unison

Nancy Dawson

We gather tonight to remember the gift of bread and cup. We gather tonight to reflect with Jesus at prayer in the garden. We gather to recall the night on which Jesus was betrayed. We gather to remember the night that Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. By the grace of God we come to worship and bow down.

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15

Nancy Dawson

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; or God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jane Reynolds

When we don't live according to God's will we betray God. That rebellion began in the garden and continues today. God wanted to give us choice and took the risk knowing full well the outcome. God planned even before time began a way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus Christ Our Lord. The gift and sacrifice we remember tonight means that those sins can be forgiven as we confess them to God. Please join me in the prayer of confession printed in your bulletin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jane Reynolds

We call on your name, O God, out of our desperate need for healing and forgiveness. We have broken covenant, forgotten who we are, and lived by our own conceits. We act as if we have no need of you when things go well. When suffering and loss come to us, we complain. Forgive us, God, for wanting the whole world to revolve around us. Restore in us the right Spirit we pray. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

People: have mercy on us.

People: grant us your peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jane Reynolds

Leader: God offers us the cup of salvation and the bread from heaven. We are precious in God's sight, worth saving from the judgment that we rightfully deserve. Our Lord, has forgiven us and reconciled us to God through Christ, our Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are given a new covenant with God and with one another. We are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

Leader: Our Lord has also promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I forgive you just as, in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

Sally Sease

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

verses 1, 4

1 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!

4 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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-16

Nancy Dawson

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

HYMN #218

Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;

for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The Sacrament of Lord's Supper Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People: And also with you.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

**People: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Mark 14:22-25

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

God of grace, your Son, Jesus Christ gave us this holy meal of bread and wine. In it we remember the gift of his body and blood. May we, who have celebrated this sign of his great love, show in our lives the fruits of his redemption. We make our prayer in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

HYMN #220

Go to Dark Gethsemane Vs. 1,2

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:32-42

David Sease

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?' ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

HYMN #221*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

1 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.

2 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,
and grant to me thy grace.

3 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
outlive my love to thee.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:43-50

Josie Miller

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

HYMN #212*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I!

2 Was it for sins that I have done
he suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in,
when Christ, the great Redeemer, died
for human creatures' sin.

4 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:57-66

Nancy Dawson

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." 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." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

ANTHEM*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

Please leave in silence.