

Valley Christian Church

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 6, 2023

PRELUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome Friends, to this holy night.

We come to share this hour with God and remember His love for us.

Yes, we remember an upper room.

We remember a meal and a washing.

We remember that friends, not enemies, betrayed, denied and deserted.

We remember that we have it in us to fail those we love.

We remember it was those same friends who shared a meal and pledged loyalty.

We remember that we, too, are often more courageous in word than deed.

We remember Peter, who did not want to be washed.

We remember that at times we, too, will not let those who love us care for us.

Above all, we remember Jesus, who washed feet and shared a meal despite it all.

We remember such a love.

A love that claims us, that holds us, that refuses to abandon us, a love that sets an example. In this very room we pray for the grace to follow His love.

HYMN OF THE TABLE

"In This Very Room"

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me
And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power
To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room*

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us
And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power
To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room*

*In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world
And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power
To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room*

A PRAYER FOR THE UPPER ROOM

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-15

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

MEDITATION

"The Twelve Disciples"

James the Less, Thaddeus, Matthew, Judas, Peter, John
Andrew, James, Thomas, Philip, Nathaniel, Simon the Zealot

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Let us break bread together on our knees Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun Oh Lord, have mercy on me*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun Oh Lord, have mercy on me*

WALKING FORWARD TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from the pastors when a deacon is standing by your pew. Partake of communion by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. After having communion, please form a circle and hold hands with the person next to you.

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

"There's Something About That Name"

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!*

BENEDICTION

Spirit of Christ, go with us now into the night. Help us to face the cross upon which you died for our sins, help us to face the crosses we must carry. We go from this sanctuary knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God in you O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Reflections on "What Wondrous Love"

