

# OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021



**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Visual Call-to-Worship**

*The Hand that Steadies the Plate*

*The Work of the People*

**The Written Word**

John 13:1–17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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**Song of Anticipation**

*Love One Another*

Darrell Born

Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; and so you will know my return.  
My friends, do you know what I have done for you? I have washed your feet with my hands  
If I, your Lord, have knelt at your feet, you should do at each other's feet as I have done for you.  
Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; and so you will know my return  
When the world will hate you and revile you, when they laugh at your care for the poor,  
When they hold you in the darkness and imprison your tongues, remember how they listened to me.  
Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; and so you will know my return  
Let not your hearts be troubled; put your trust in God and in me.  
In my Father's home I prepare your room, where I am you may be.  
Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; and so you will know my return  
This bread which I give is my body. This cup holds the blood of my life and all will be broken that  
you may have life, that you may learn to forgive.  
Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; and so you will know my return

**TABLE SETTING**

**Invitation**

**Confession**

Rev. Mark Rambo

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

**Song**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which 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.

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**Bread and Cup**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The good news of our faith is that Jesus Christ seeks out people like you and me.  
Let us allow the Holy Spirit to purify our hearts.  
Friends, receive the good news, for in the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.  
The old has died. Behold, the new has come!

**Song**

*The Call*

Darrell Born

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way as gives us breath;  
Such a Truth that ends all strife. Such a Life that killeth death.  
Come my Light; my Feast; my Strength. Such a light that shows a feast.  
Such a Feast that mends in length; Such a strength that makes his guest.  
Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart.  
Such a joy that none can move; Such a love that none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.

**The Written Word**

John 13: 31–35

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Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Homily**

*April Fools*

Rev. Mark Rambo

**Postlude**

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

**Beloved Heart**