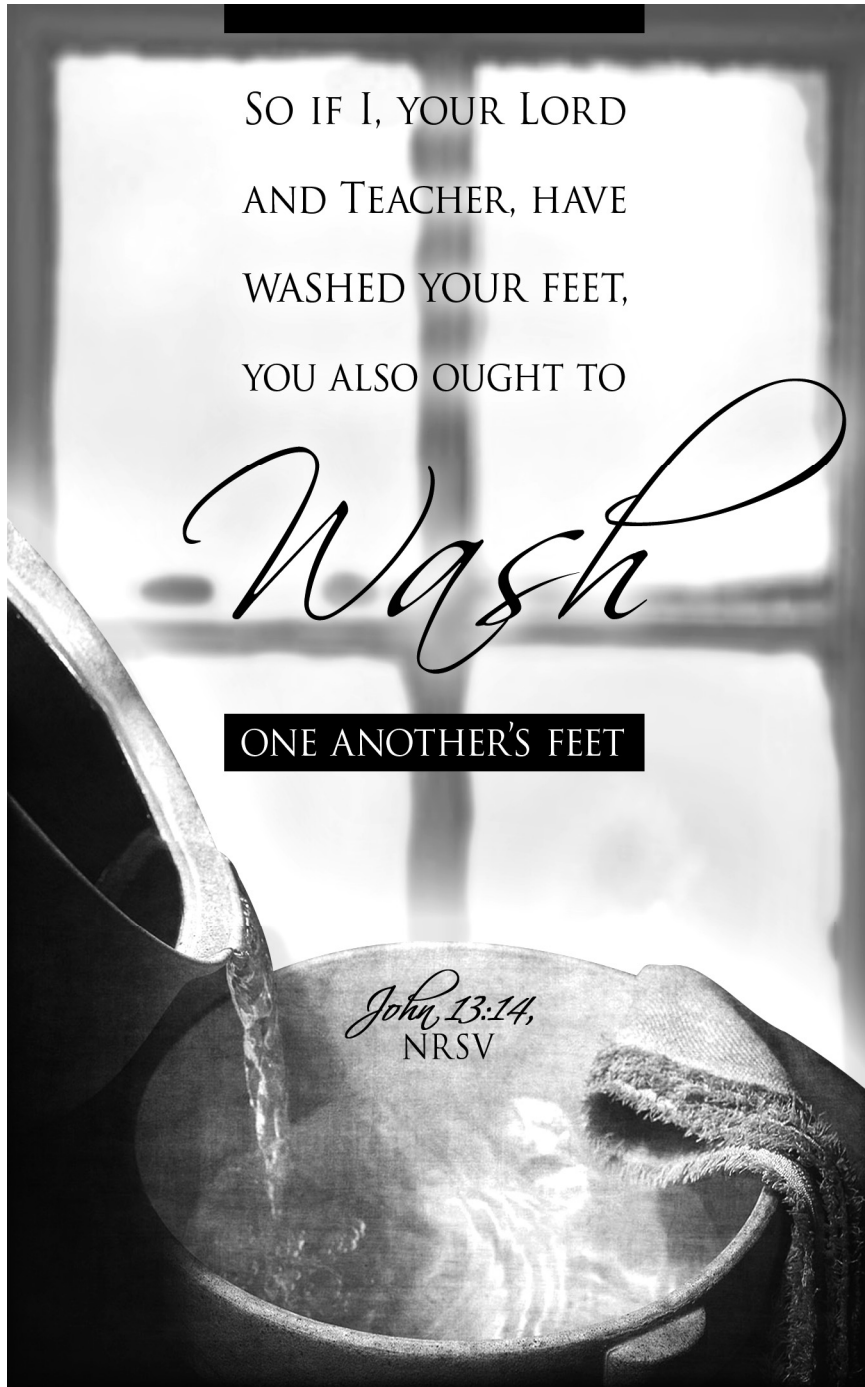


SO IF I, YOUR LORD
AND TEACHER, HAVE
WASHED YOUR FEET,
YOU ALSO OUGHT TO

Wash

ONE ANOTHER'S FEET

John 13:14,
NRSV



Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christus, unser Heiland”
(Jesus Christ, my Savior)

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Pastor: On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

People: On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and partake of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

*HYMN #757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free,
make plow share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spread a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God
who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy,

forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)**

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-4 page 51 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Wash Me Thoroughly”
Bethany Choir

Samuel Wesley

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 13:1-17 page 876 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY

Dr. Bob Spratt

***HYMN #509**

“All Who Hunger”

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

WE RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

Tonight's offering will be donated to the Journey Home.

Journey Home is a privately, incorporated home that provides guidance, support and comfort to individuals and their families as they journey through the dying process.

***DOXOLOGY #606** (Unison) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

OFFERTORY

"Ave vivens hostia"

Sébastien de Brossard

solo, Jeff Tabor

(see text in the back of the bulletin)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Having again been reminded of Christ's sacrificial death,

People: We are motivated to make a sacrifice of our own.

Leader: Having received more than enough for our material needs,

People: We share our resources with others.

Leader: Having received the good news of Jesus Christ,

People: We give, so that others can hear the message of hope and

life. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord's Table.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

Prayer of Commitment

Eternal God, we give thanks for the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. Grant that we may be strengthened in Your service to share the good news of the gospel with others. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD

***HYMN #300**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

We will work with each other
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other
we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity
and save human pride.

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Make us one, Lord!

***BLESSING**

*Those who are able, please stand

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Translation of Ave vivens hostia

Hail, true Victim, life and light
Unto sinners lending--
Every older form and rite
Hath in thee its ending--
Spotless in the Father's sight
Evermore ascending,
Holy church in bitter fight
Evermore befriending.

Hail, true Manna from the sky--
Israel never knew thee;
Pilgrims, for the day's supply,
Daily homage do thee;
When our souls in sickness lie,
Yields that sickness to thee;
Christians, when they come to die,
Live immortal through thee.

Hail, Christ's Body--gift he made,
His own death foreshewing,
(Godhead under earthly shade
Like a jewel glowing),
Sacred memories, ne'er to fade,
On his Church bestowing,
When to earth farewell he bade,
To his Passion going.

Jesus truly in this place
God and Man resideth;
Him no shadow doth replace,
Him no rent divideth,
Very flesh, although his face,
Glorified, he hideth;
Garnered in this little space
All of Christ abideth.

Seen in heaven by blessed eyes
This his body reigneth;
Form of bread, in other wise,
Here its scope containeth;--
Mystery he alone describeth
Who the same ordaineth;
Well may her such thing devise
Whom no power restraineth.

Plead, true Victim, in our stead,
To the Father crying,
Thou, Thy children's daily bread,
Daily health supplying;
Banquet for the exile spread,
Grant us life undying:
May our love from Thine be fed,
Self and sense denying!