

Trinity Presbyterian Church Palm Coast

Mundy Thursday



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*Trinity Presbyterian Church is called by God, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be a
worshiping, nurturing and serving community.*

Prelude "Go to Dark Gethsemane" arr. David Angerman
Handbell Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship^ψ

We invite you to bring your body into the worship of God. You may do so standing or seated, by listening to your heartbeat or noticing the rise and fall of your abdomen with each breath.

A call to worship is a call to presence.

We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.

Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn #228 "Were You There"

As we prepare to lay down our burdens before God in confession, we place our trust in God's desire to know us and be with us.

Call to Confession^ψ

Prayer of Confession^ψ

Loving God, you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are, but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity. You invite us to take our shoes off and receive the care our bodies need, but we sit on our heels. We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones to mask our insecurities.

God, remind us that we are made in your image. Help us learn to receive from your abundance so we can share all that we have with others. Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out are already full.

May they overflow so that all will have enough!

Assurance of Forgiveness

As he does with Peter in the footwashing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into joy and connection. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another and with Creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved and befriended by God.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem "Blessed Redeemer"
Choir

As we enter into the sacred story of John's gospel, let us take a few moments to notice our feet. Take off your shoes if you wish. Wiggle your toes. Plant your feet firmly on the ground. As you experience these sensations, consider the wonder of God, who meets us not only from on high but also kneeling at our feet. In remembrance, we cleanse our hands.

First Gospel Reading John 13:1-17

13 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. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** 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. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** 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." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** 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? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Invitation to Discipleship and Offering of our Gifts^ψ

Through the sacraments, God meets us in physical space, offering God's self to us again and again. In a spirit of grateful response, we offer what we have to assist the Deacon's Fund.

Remembrance of Baptism^ψ

As we remember your promises to us, renew in us a heart of compassion for others and help us recognize your presence in all whom we meet. Amen.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving^ψ and The Lord's Prayer

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution & Preparing the Elements^ψ

The Table of the joyful feast is not our Table but God's. Nothing you do, nothing you say, nothing about you can prevent you from partaking, for in communion God reveals the wholeness of who we are together and with God. So as you receive this joyful feast, come exactly as you are. There is more than enough. Come, for all is ready.

Music at Communion

Prayer After Communion^ψ

Holy Mystery, through communion we unite our bodies with your body, and in unity we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. Like the sacraments, we know that love is a *doing*, and so we ask for your help to turn this nourishment into love for all we meet.

Second Gospel Reading John 13:33-35

³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Prayers of the People^ψ

God among us, When we cry out for justice, you hear us. When we fall to our knees, you witness us. When we lean into your comfort, you hold us. When we lose our way, you guide us. Hear our prayers. Stay with us here as we seek your way toward hope and wholeness. We name, O God, that at times it is hard to stay loving in the face of cruelty, neglect, and harm. Yet even when Jesus knew his friends would betray and abandon him, he showed us how to center our whole selves in your love instead of the hatred of people and the injustice of systems of power. May we go and do likewise, as he called us to do, so that our love for others will be a testimony to all you have done in our lives. Through the life and ministry of Jesus, you taught us how to love fiercely, how to honor one another fully, and how to serve with humility and kindness. Through grace, you join us together as one body. Be with us today and every day as we seek to pour out love as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Meditation "No Shoes Required" Dr. Jeff Beebe

Video "Gladys Wilson and Naomi Feil" /*Memory Bridge*, posted on YouTube.com May 26, 2009

* Hymn #212 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

* Sending/Benediction^ψ

Jesus chose to use his final hours to establish intimate and profound physical connections with his friends. In the midst of this connection, he offered a new commandment: to love others as he loves us. This is not an abstract, sentimental love. This is bread-breaking, foot-washing, messy love. We have visited the font, we have been nourished at the Table, and now we go out into the world to live out Jesus's commandment. As we leave this place, may the presence of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer fill the nooks and crannies of our lives. Go in love!

We go out together in love. Amen.

Postlude "I Love You Lord" arr. Che
Following the Postlude, we depart in silence.

^ψ Denotes please stand if able.

^ψLiturgy by Adrian White | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

WORSHIP NOTES

Today, all of those who are able, are invited forward to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which will be served by intinction, which simply means receiving a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. Pre-packaged elements will also be available for those who so desire.

As you leave the Sanctuary, we ask that you would do so in silence.

Water Marks

Jesus probably kneeled down. He probably took Peter's heel in his hands to wash his feet. And I wonder if they both thought of Jacob—the heel-grabber, the trickster who wrestled with God.



I wonder if it felt like a do-over, a fresh start for creation.

I wonder if the basin overflowed when Jesus poured the water out.

I wonder if it splashed, leaving water marks on the floor—proof that love was really there.

I wonder if I would have let Jesus do the same.

Would I have been like Peter and said, "Not just my feet but my head and my hands"?

I suppose I can look at my life today and answer the question.

Have I allowed myself to be loved?

Are there water marks on the floor?

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In a room full to the brim with emotion, Jesus offers a tender, loving, and humble goodbye, stooping low to wash and caress his disciples' feet. Like the water

splashing within the washbasin, his actions ripple out: "Go and do likewise. Just as I have loved you, love one another." This scene offers us a poignant and powerful image of discipleship. Our sub-theme is primarily inspired by Peter's experience and the way he initially resists Jesus' offer. How many of us resist vulnerability? How often do we resist receiving love, support, and nurturing from others?

Jesus' command to go and do likewise is only possible for us if we, too, learn how to receive. We can't fully give without receiving also; love is designed to be shared. As was the case for Peter, receiving selfless, poured-out love fundamentally changes us. It's a profound act that shows us who we are. It's a practice of surrender and letting go. It reminds us of how God loves us. And so, this Maundy Thursday, take off your shoes. Remove the walls and protective layers you have built up. Allow yourself to be loved fully by God. Allow yourself to be filled to the brim so you can go out and fill others too.

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We invite you to join us, on the front grass lot, for a guided prayer walk on Good Friday at Noon.

If you're unable to make it, or would like to share this self-guided prayer walk with someone else, there is a virtual version of the prayer walk available on our website at trinitypalmcoast.org

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