



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Thursday, March 28, 2024



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Thursday 7 pm
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
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***VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community***
***MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring***

All Means All

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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As candles are lighted:

L: From Isaiah 45 –

Blessed are you Holy One, our God,
Creator of the universe.

You form light and create darkness,
make peace, and give life to all things.

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

In This Room, a Towel and Basin

**In this room, a towel and basin
Stand as gifts we don't deserve.
Christ, you humbly knelt to use them;
Showing us the way to serve.**

**On a table, set for dinner
Are your gifts of wine and bread.
Christ, you give to every sinner
Food and love, till all are fed.**

**From you, Lord, we hear a teaching:
"Now I give a new command.
Love as I have loved, out-reaching!
Then the world will understand!"**

**Basin, supper, word and witness —
Then a cross — revealed your Way.
May we put our faith in practice,
Humbly serving you each day.**

Gospel Lesson

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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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.”

Invitation to Reflect and Write

Christ has many services to be done.

Some are more easy and honorable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.

Some are suitable to our inclination
and interests, others are contrary to both.

In some we may please Christ
and please ourselves.

But then there are other works
where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.

It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it
means to be servant of Christ.

What Wondrous Love Is This

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.

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 Life**

**To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
To lay aside his crown for my soul.**

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb who is the Great I Am,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 26:20-30

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Silent Confession

and Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-
sanna in the highest.**

**Blessed are they who come in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are
yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Invitation to Reflect and Write

The Servant Song

**We are travelers on a journey,
fellow pilgrims on the road.**

**We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of Your fear.**

**I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be Your servant,
let me be as Christ to you.**

Pray that I may have the grace to

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let you be my servant, too.
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be Your servant,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.
I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share Your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He 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. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Invitation to Reflect and Write

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain: *Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.*

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall
want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness
and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
{Refrain}

Gently you raise me and heal my weary
soul, you lead me by pathways of right-
eousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your
Name.

{Refrain}

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