

**March 28, 2024**



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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Maunday Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

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**Preparation for Worship**                      John 15:5                      NIV

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**Prelude**    *The Man in the Middle*                      The Presbyterians

**Introit**    *Sanctus*    Franz Schubert

**Call to Worship**    Psalm 116:13

One:        On this spring evening in Santa Cruz, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends and the events of the day that followed.

**All:        What then shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us? We will lift up the cup of salvation in the great congregation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #94**    *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

**Choral Call to Confession** (*Sing 2x*)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

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**Call to Confession**

One:        God's love for the world is revealed in Jesus Christ, who loved us to the uttermost. Jesus — Savior and Lord — at his last meal with his disciples, gave them — and us — this new commandment: "... 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."

## Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true in this and every day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." And "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."

**All: The good news is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.**

## \*Gloria

*Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit, three in one.*

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And to the Holy Spirit, three in one.*

*As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.*

## Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, 33-35 (NIV)

One: It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

**All:** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**One:** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

**All:** Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

**One:** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

**All:** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**Anthem**

*The Last Supper*

Bernard Sexton

**Communion Liturgy**

## Call to the Table

One: He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest.

**All: At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor; he was always the guest.**

One: Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host.

**All: Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him; those who want to follow him must first be fed by him; those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean.**

One: For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new.

**All: So let us come, we who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.**

One: Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*The outer ring contains wine; the inner rings contain grape juice.*

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: After Jesus had shared the meal with his disciples and washed their feet, and given them the commandment of love, he also said to them, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

**All: Christ, who has nourished us, is our peace. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other.**

One: Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now. Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Let us turn and share the peace of Christ with our fellow pilgrims on this Holy Night.*

### Prayer

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

**All: Take us, renew, and remake us. What we have been in the past, what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 85

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Verse 1)*

### Tenebrae Service

One: 1. The Shadow of Betrayal — Matthew 26:20-25

**All: (Sung to tune #573) Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

One: 2. The Shadow of Denial — Matthew 26:31-35

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

One: 3. The Shadow of Inner Agony — Luke 22:39-44

**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 4. The Shadow of Loneliness — Matthew 26:40-45  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 5. The Shadow of Desertion — Matthew 26:47-50, 55, 56  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 6. The Shadow of Accusation — Matthew 26:59-67  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 7. The Shadow of Denial — Mark 14:66-72  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 8. The Shadow of Mockery — Mark 15:12-20  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
**One:** 9. The Shadow of Death — Luke 23:33-46  
**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

**\*Hymn 102**

*Were You There?*

**Into the Darkness**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.”  
(John 1:1-4) The light has come into the world, but people love the shadows rather than the light. (John 3:18)

**\*Postlude**

*Were You There*

W.A. Mozart

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence as we await the coming of Easter.*

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor: Larry Vilaro  
Music Director: Nicki Kerns  
Lector: Mayre Vincent  
Greeter: Bob Scott  
Readers: Gigi Giannini, Jeff Lawton,  
Kim Johnston, Charlie May,  
Sandy Thormann, Michael Christie,  
Deb O'Connell, Ellen Bauerle,  
and Lee Duffus

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!**

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. After worship, please join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the Magnolia Courtyard. We are glad you are here!

### **Online Church Service**

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons complete with dates, sermon titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancements, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

### **Pastor Larry's Contact Information**

Pastor Larry's official email is now [trinityscpastor@gmail.com](mailto:trinityscpastor@gmail.com); however, he will continue to respond to emails at [lvilaro@earthlink.net](mailto:lvilaro@earthlink.net).

### **Parish BBQ, Sunday 21st**

The Deacons are hosting a Parish barbecue on Sunday, April 21 right after church. Bring your appetites!

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Easter Sunday March 31

Easter Sunrise Service at Capitola beach with Soquel Congregational Chorale Messiah at our 10:30 service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.




# 94 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O W A L Y W A L Y 9.8.9.8

Fred Pratt Green, 1973

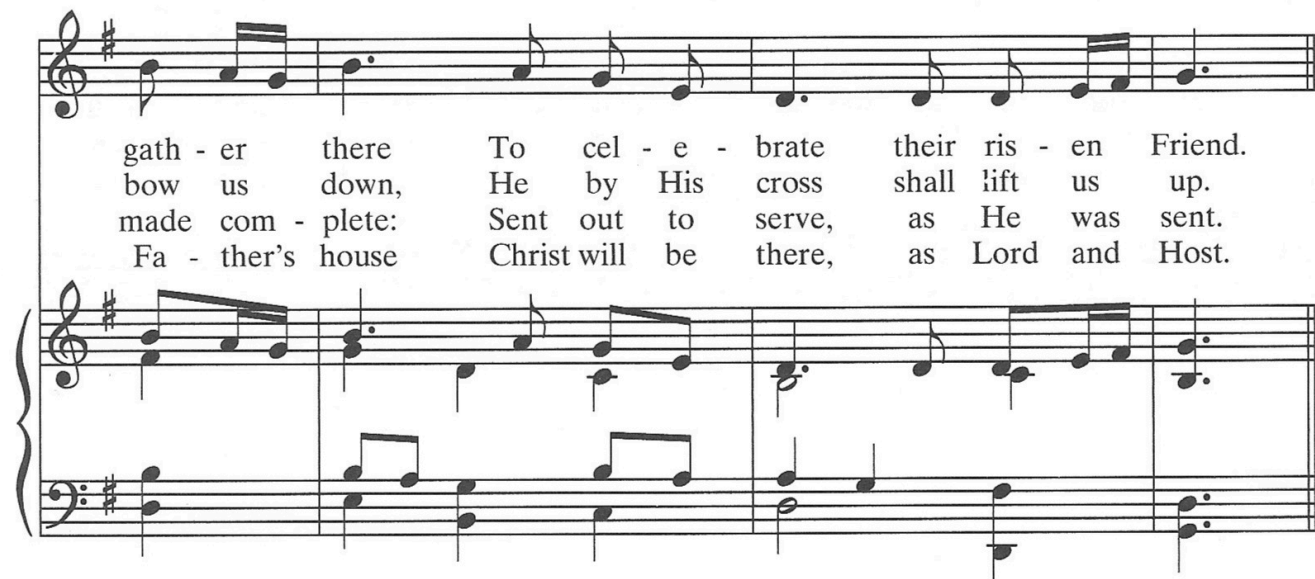
English folk melody  
Harm. John Weaver, 1988



1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare For those He  
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave His own: To share His  
3. And af - ter sup - per He washed their feet, For ser - vice,  
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, He loves be -



loved un - til the end: And His dis - ci - ples still  
bread, His lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
yond the ut - ter - most: In ev - ery room in our



gath - er there To cel - e - brate their ris - en Friend.  
bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.  
made com - plete: Sent out to serve, as He was sent.  
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

## What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

American folk hymn, c. 1811

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,

To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul!  
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

\*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).

# Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual  
Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)  
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
 3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)  
 4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh!  
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

