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You, Too, Must | Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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As we gather. . . He who wraps the heavens in clouds wrapped round himself a towel. He who pours the water into the rivers and pools tipped. . . water into a basin. And he before whom every knee bends in heaven and on earth and under the earth knelt to wash the feet of his disciples.

- Severian of Gabala (fl. ca. a.d. 400), "Homily on the Washing of the Feet," in ACCS NT 4/b:86

PRELUDE

The Garden

Larry Shackley

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

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Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic?
The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends?
The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation?

If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered?
Would you have ordered dessert?
Would you have held your friends' hands and told them how much you loved them?

If you had known, would you have washed their feet?

Tonight we gather together, because this night was the beginning of the end.
This night was Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Take a moment to imagine how Jesus must have felt.

(Pause for silence.)

Friends, with all of this in mind, I invite you to join me in our opening words:

Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds. May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.

- 1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

- 3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

- 4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sam Parris

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The closer and closer we get to the crucifixion,
The more earnest our prayers of confession feel.
For we know that what was done to Jesus—
Betrayal, humiliation, violence, and death—
Are things we do to each other all the time.

So with all earnestness, a sense of urgency, and a deep hope for transformation,
We return to this prayer once again,
Trusting that the God who holds the stars in the sky is holding us tonight.

Let us confess together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sam Parris

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Holy God who holds us together,
If I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter—
 Misunderstanding your radical hospitality,
 Sticking to the rules,
 Arguing what I do and don't deserve.
Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas—
 The one who betrayed you,
 The one who failed to see the good right in front of him,
 The one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love.
If I were to place myself at your table,
It's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples—
 Watching, but not speaking,
 Silently missing the opportunity
 To tell you what I believe and how much I love you.
If I were to place myself at your table,
I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes
Your well-intentioned disciples made.
There is no surprise there.
What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless.
So forgive me, God.
Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also.
 Hear us now, as we continue to confess, in the silence of our hearts...

(A Time of Silent Confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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Family of faith,
Jesus knew that Peter would deny.
He knew that Judas would betray,
And he knew the disciples would hide in fear.
And still—*and still*—he invited them in.
He washed their feet, and he fed them.

Friends, we worship the living Christ
Whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love.
So may this story tonight remind us:

**No matter who we are,
No matter where we go,
No matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life,**

We will always be invited in and held together by the Living God.
Again and again and again, we are forgiven.
Again and again and again, we are held.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

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**We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Bennett

Gracious God, give us the wisdom of Your Spirit to understand and receive the depth and breadth of the love that Christ showers upon us. Bless this reading of Your Word that we might be transformed by its grace.

Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17 NRSV

Beth Bennett

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

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**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

Note: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" is from the Taizé Community in France. The musical style of Taizé emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated many times and sometimes also sung in canon. The repeated nature of these lines are designed so that the song can become a prayer for the participant.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:21-38 NRSV

Bruce Gilbert

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

³⁶Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” ³⁷Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

Nothing Can Trouble

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**Nothing can trouble;
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God
shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble;
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:36-46 NRSV

Alex B.

Location: Summerall Chapel, The Citadel

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Chris Anderson, Musician

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O, Lord hear my prayer
 O, Lord hear my prayer
 All my hope comes from God.
 O, Lord hear my prayer
 O, Lord hear my prayer
 God, the wellspring of life.

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:47-56 NRSV

Regina G.

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!**SONG***Jesus, Remember Me*

Becca Anderson, Musician

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**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Note: This chant-like setting, intended for repeated singing, comes from the ecumenical monastic community in Taizé, France. Based on the prayer of the penitent thief crucified with Jesus (Luke 23:42), this text is a poignant expression of the desire to be present with Christ in glory.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)* Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

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1 We gather here in Jesus' name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;
everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,
of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *They Crucified My Lord (He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word)* 219
Chris Anderson, Soloist

1 They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

2 They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

3 They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

4 The blood came trickalin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
the blood came trickalin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

5 He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

(A Time of Silent Meditation)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(John 13)*

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.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

Go in peace, then, loving one another
and loving the world that God so loved.

Amen.

+ POSTLUDE

Were You There?

Justin Streletz, Pianist

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, *Arr.* Sharon Elery Rogers

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*