

April 21, 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Maundy Thursday

Reflection & Preparation

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week. On this day Jesus celebrated the Passover Feast with his disciples, sharing a meal with them, which we now call the Last Supper. At that time it was usual for a servant to wash the feet of guests upon arrival. On this occasion there was no servant present and none of the disciples volunteered to do the menial task. Instead, Jesus got up and washed his disciples' feet, giving them an object lesson in humility and service. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for 'command' (*mandatum*). It refers to the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, which requires disciples to love one another. Jesus' great illustration of love is the offering of his body on behalf of his wayward people. Therefore, as we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of him, we celebrate and receive his grace by faith and pledge ourselves to exhibit his love to one another in the community of Christ.

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and a hurting world. When we were absent in our sin, you became present in your grace. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Supper, might you deepen our love for you, strengthen our bonds with one another and increase our longing for the fulfillment of your Kingdom on this earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen. **Prayer of preparation**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Minister: We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Gibbs

***Hymn of Adoration**

Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

1. Thee we a - dore, e - ter - nal Lord!
2. To thee a - loud all an - gels cry,
3. A - pos - tles join the glo - rious throng,
4. From day to day, O Lord, do we

We praise thy name with one ac - cord. Thy
the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high: thee,
and proph - ets swell th'im - mor - tal song; thy
ex - alt and high - ly hon - or thee! Thy

saints, who here thy good - ness see,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly King,
mar - tyrs' no - ble ar - my raise
name we wor - ship and a - dore,

through all the world do wor - ship thee,
Lord God of Hosts, they ev - er sing,
e - ter - nal an - thems to thy praise,
world with - out end, for ev - er - more,

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Words from the Moravian Collection; Music by Frederick M.A. Venua

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Jeremiah 2: 9, 11, 13

Litany of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful god, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven;

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: We confess to you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, revenge, and to ambition, selfishness and pride. We have too much loved worldly goods and comforts. These things give rise to the discord, distance and bitterness;

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: We confess to you that we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but our hearts have been closed to grace. We have lifted our hands in praise, but our feet have remained turned away. Our ears have been have been open, but our hearts have not listened.

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ- teous - ness
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
3. When from the dust of death I rise
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee,
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice;

my beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst
for who aught to stand in charge shall lay? Ful -
to claim my man - sion in the skies, ev'n
whose bound - less mer - cy hath for me; for
now bid thy ban - ished ones re - joice; their

flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed, with
ly ab - solved through these I am from
then this shall be all my plea, Je -
me a full a - tone - ment made, an
beau - ty this, their glo - rious dress, Je -

joy shall I lift up my head.
sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Words by John Wesley; Music by William Gardiner

***Scripture Reading**

The Rev. and Mrs. Michael Novak

Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14

John 13:1-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Prayers

Mr. Gibbs

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Jesus has given us a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

"Marked by Love"

John 13:31-35

“Marked by Love”

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13: 31-35**

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ to refrain from partaking until doing so.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners!
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness!
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row!
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er!
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him,

Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 Let me hide my self in him;
 While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 While the tem - pest still is high,
 more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as sail me,
 tempt - ed, tried, and some times fail - ing,
 e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness,

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!
 Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing,
 he is with me to the end.

Words by J. Wilbur Chapman; Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray,
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me,
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day,
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love,

take all my guilt a - way, O let me
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and
wipe sor - row's tears a - way, nor let me
fear and dis - trust re - move; O bear me

from this day be whol - ly thine.
change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
ev - er stray from thee a - side.
safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Words by Ray Palmer; Music by Lowell Mason

Hymn of Blessing

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and_ to my lis-t'ning ears, all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the_ birds their car - ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O__ let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and_ round me rings the mu sic of the_ spheres. This
morn-ing light, the_ lil - y white, de - clare their Mak- er's_ praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is__ the Rul - er__ yet. This

is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
is my Fa - ther's world: he__ shines in all that's fair; in the
is my Fa - ther's world: the_ bat - tle is not done; Je__

rocks and trees, of__ skies and seas; his hand the won- ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I__ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-erywhere.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be__ one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock; Music by Franklin L. Sheppard

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

Postlude

Redeemer invites you to take home with you one of the many lilies to enjoy during this Easter season.

** The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano;
Janna Ludwick, piano
Song Leader: Carrie Alley*

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Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rîg'me), and other materials.

Pastor's Forum: This is an opportunity to ask the pastor questions regarding the sermon, about Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA, as well as other questions concerning the Christian life.

Community Groups: Community Groups are fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting every other week in homes throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find a Community Group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480, or visit our website, www.redeemersa.org, under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and fill out the online registration form.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m.	Prayer
9:30-10:55 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Christian Education

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time in the cafeteria during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the East end of Edison High School. Room numbers are listed below.

1116—Nursing Mothers

1119—Itty Bitty Babies: 3-7 mos.

1119—Crawlers: 8-12 mos.

1113—Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 mos.

1120—Younger Toddler: 19-27 mos.

1122—Older Toddler: 28–36 mos.

Cafeteria—Training the Pews: 3-5 yrs.

Christian Education

1122—Toddler I (age 2)

1120—Toddler II (age 3)

1200—Pre K- K (age 4-5)

1202—Primary I (ages 6-7)

1213—Primary II (ages 8-9)

1215—Junior (ages 10-11)

1221—Jr. High Youth (6th-8th)

1219—Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)

Auditorium—Pastor's Forum (All ages)

