First Presbyterian Church  
Marion, Illinois  
Maundy Thursday  
April 9, 2020

As we enter the sanctuary please keep the silence  
so you and those around you can prepare for worship . . .

Prelude

Call to Worship  
From Psalm 118
Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;  
**His love endures forever.**  
Let God’s People say:  
**“His love endures forever.”**  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna! Amen.**

Music Ministry #196  
All Glory, Laud and Honor

The First Reading  
Mark 14:12-16
On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

A Voice Speaks
He will walk a little in front of us towards Jerusalem  
He will not be scared though we are.  
If we try to discourage him, He will recognize the evil in our voice,  
And he will tell us as much in no uncertain terms.  
Then he will go on again, in faith, towards Jerusalem.

Response #227  
Jesus Remember Me
Prayer of Confession

He will walk a little in front of us into controversy.

**We will follow reluctantly, if at all.**
He will not be scared, though we will be.
He will argue with the intelligent, top in their tracks the self-assured,
Touch the diseased, upset bank balances
By his outlandish behavior in the sanctuary,
And weep in public.

**We will be confronted, we will stand accused,**
**We will stand ashamed, we will kneel convicted.**

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards Jerusalem.

**And we will ask for the strength and faith to follow. Amen.**

Response #227

The Second Reading

Mark 14:17-31

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places
and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with
me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said
to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it
to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave
it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the
covenant,
which is poured out for many.

While they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to
them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,
‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’
But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all
become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night,
before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even
though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

Communion

The Third Reading

Mark 14:32-65

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, “I am 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. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to them, “Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to them, “Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

A Voice Speaks

He will walk a little in front of us into Gethsemane.
He will not be scared, though we are.
He will sweat blood and ask God if there is another way.
And when God says no,

He will take the traitor’s kiss,
The soldiers’ spit,
The bile and venom from the princes of religion.
Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the cross.

Response #227

The Fourth Lesson

Mark 14:66-15:15

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

A Voice Speaks

He will walk a little in front of us towards Calvary.
He will not be scared, No, He will not be scared.
He will feel the pain of wood and nails;
But more than this He will feel the weight
Of all the evil,

All the malice,
All the pettiness,
all the sin of the world Heaped upon his shoulders.

He will not throw off that weight, Though he could.
He will not give back evil for evil,
Return malice for malice,
Take revenge on the petty-minded,
Or spew out hate on all who have despised or rejected him.
He will not give back the sin of the world.

He will take it away...
   Into death, into hell,
   So that he can lead us into heaven.
Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the resurrection.

Response #227

The Fifth Reading

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Response #227

The Sixth Reading

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.
When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Music Ministry #223

A Voice Speaks

He will walk a little behind us through the graveyard.
He will wait until we realize that he has died
And admit our complicity in his life's ending.

Then he will come up behind us,
And say our name, So that we can say his, forever.

Response #227

Jesus Remember Me

Depart in Silence


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Jesus, Remember Me

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

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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.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981
All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Refrain

4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the
   Prince of glory died, my richest gain I
   count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
   death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
   charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and
   love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and
   sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a
   present far too small; love so amazing,
   so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.