

BETHABARA MORAVIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2006

7 o'clock



Watchword for the Day:

*He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is
gracious and merciful. PSALM 111:4*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

CHORAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK READINGS

ANTHEM

Peace I Leave You

Craig Courtney

Women's Choir; Jennifer Lane, violinist

SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(An ordained minister presides and consecrates the elements)

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE, FROM GOD OUR FATHER, AND FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE WITH YOU ALL.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another)

HYMN

WORSHIP (159A)

We in one covenant are joined
and one in Jesus are;
with voices and with hearts combined,
his praise we will declare;
in doctrine and in practice one,
we'll love and serve the Lord alone,
with one accord sound forth his praise,
till we shall see his face.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Lord's Prayer will be used as the conclusion to this prayer.)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ON THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED, TOOK BREAD, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT, GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

HYMN

LATROBE (581A)

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with in one bitter hour.
Turn not from his grief's a way; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

HYMN

LOVE DEVINE (96F)

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, you love to find.
Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

HYMN

PETRA (581G)

To avert from us God's wrath
Jesus suffered in our stead;
by an ignominious death
he a full atonement made,
and by his most precious blood
brought us, sinners, nigh to God.
They who Jesus' mercy know
are from wrath and envy freed;
love unto our neighbor shows
that we are his flock indeed;
thus we may in all our ways
show forth our Redeemer's praise.



HYMN

MORITZ

Jesus has a word decreed which not all will gladly heed;
yet it's saving power I see: "Take the cross and follow me!"

Rise, disciples, learn a new what your Master had to do:
leading with his cross that day, Jesus showed the one true way.

Suffering may afflict our soul; still, I choose the blessed goal
where from Jesus' cross and pain we a joy eternal gain.

HYMN

UPSALA (23A)

Deeply moved and duly heeding
my Good Shepherd's kindly leading,
bowed with reverence before him,
I would praise him and adore him.

Jesus, heed me, lost and dying,
unto you for shelter flying
all my sin and sorrow feeling,
I now come for help and healing.

If we now but had the power
Christ to praise in ev'ry hour
as we wish for his true caring,
his great mercies all declaring,
then the peal of our glad singing
to the heavens would be ringing
from this house where we may savor
all the blessings of his favor.

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAID: TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN
FOR YOU.

(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

BY YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE,

BY THE HOLY SACRAMENTS,

BY ALL THE MERITS OF YOUR LIFE, SUFFERING, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION,



Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

IN THE SAME WAY, AFTER SUPPER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS, WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

HYMN

PASSION CHORALE (151A)

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.
Your blood, so dear and precious,
love made you shed for me;
O may I now, dear Jesus, love you most fervently;
may the divine impression of your atoning death
and all your bitter passion ne'er leave me while I've breath.

HYMN

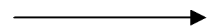
COENA DOMINI (1C)

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and his is on the throne.



HYMN

JESUS CHRISTUS BLICK DICH AN (9A)

Father, now has come the hour for Christ's exaltation;
for he, through his lordly pow'r, gives you acclamation.

As God's Lamb he gave his life, loving us so truly
e'en to death, endured the strife that we might be holy.

Father, may we all be one, as above, transcending,
you are one with Christ the Son, in a love unending.

May the love which you have shown, leaving Jesus never,
rule our hearts; and Christ alone be in us forever.

HYMN

GOUDIMEL (205A)

Savior, now with contrite hearts
we approach your throne of love,
asking pardon for our sins,
peace and comfort from above.

You once suffered on the cross
to atone for sinners' guilt;
may we never, Lord,
forget that for us your blood was spilled.

Praise to you from all souls here
that your blood redemption buys,
that salvation now is ours,
that we're in your death baptized,
that your body and your blood
bring us God's eternal good;
thus we, feeling you most near,
share in your communion here.

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAID: DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU. DO THIS,
WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

(All partake together.)

CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

HYMN

RHAW (22A)

O Lord, your feast we celebrate:
we show your death, we sing your name
till you return, when we shall eat
the marriage supper of the Lamb.

WHENEVER YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE
LORD'S DEATH,

Until he comes.

*(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying
renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)*

HYMN

COVENANT (185A)

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever
of our songs the only theme;
for your boundless love, your grace and favor,
we will praise your saving name;
that for our transgressions you were wounded
shall by us in nobler strains be sounded,
when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;

THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU;

THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE;

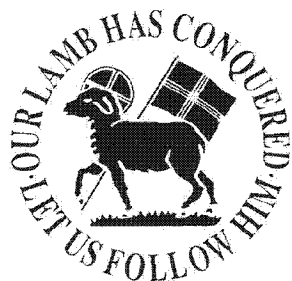
HYMN

(539A)

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*We are so glad you came to worship with us today.
We pray our service was memorable and meaningful for you in every way.*

*Nos alegramos tanto de que Ud. haya decidido adorar a Dios con nosotros hoy.
Rezamos que nuestro servicio sea memorable y significativa para Ud. en cada
manera.*



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