

Highlands Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Prayer Service

OPENING SENTENCES

John 13:34

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.9

American folk hymn, c. 1811

Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

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

What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
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
when I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous frown,
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,
Christ laid a - side his crown 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!
Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.**

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 14:12-25, Psalm 126

Following each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O Lord,
the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

*Praise and thanksgiving is offered to God, followed by prayers for the church
throughout the world, the poor, the sick, suffering, and dying, and those who care for
them.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

1 Peter 5:7,10

Let us cast all our anxiety on the Lord,
who cares for us.
The God of all grace
will restore, strengthen, and support us.

Amen.

Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**