



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship ✦ 90.5 FM

Maundy Thursday

April 1st, 2021

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Mazurka” Op. 17, No. 2
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Ryan Sawyer

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

What can we give back to God
for all the good things He has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on his name!**

We will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving!

**We will keep the promises we've made to God
in the presence of all his people!**

Come, let us worship!

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
HAMBURG

Matthias Young

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.

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?

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.

The Washing of Hands

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners,
we praise you and give you thanks,
because you laid aside your power as a garment
and took upon yourself the form of a slave.

You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place,

You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death.

You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears.

For God chose what is low and despised in the world
to usher in things that are.

Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
with the woman who anointed you for death,
with the woman who worshiped you with her tears,
and with all our fellow sinners
who have loved and served you from that time till now,
we praise you, Lord Jesus.

Eternal God, blessed is our brother Jesus,
who on that night before Passover,
rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments
took a towel and poured water,
and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them:
"If I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.
If you know these things,
blessed are you if you do them."

Come now, mighty Spirit of God,
wash us and make us one body in Christ,
that, as we are bound together
in this act of love,
we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give. Amen.

Just as Jesus cleansed His disciples' feet, you are now invited to clean you and your neighbor's hands, living into the new commandment where Jesus declared that you love one another (John 13:34).

Hymn

**"Take My Life"
HENDON**

Matthias Young

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Homily

Remembrance

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

— RESPONSE —

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles’ Creed*)

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”
O WALY WALY

Matthias Young

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.

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.

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Abernethy & Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Invitation to the Table

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who created the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillsides are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We shall do as our Lord commands. We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by God into the world, that he took upon himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin. We confess that he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and suffered death that we might live. We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God, and that he shall come again in glory to his new creation. We do this now, and until he comes again.

Prayer Over the Elements & *The Lord's Prayer*

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.

Words of Institution & Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

— SENDING —

Song

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Matthias Young

PASSION CHORALE

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

Benediction

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Postlude

“Gnossienne” No. 1
Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Ryan Sawyer

Leading This Evening's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy: Pastor & Head of Staff
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt: Associate Pastor of Faith Formation
Matthias Young: Director of Music
Ryan Sawyer: Organist Apprentice



Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m.

Drive-In

Welcome to our drive-in Maundy Thursday service! Please tune your car radio to channel **90.5FM** to hear the service.

Join us tomorrow, Good Friday, for our Stations of the Cross from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary with 14 stations set up to follow along the path that Jesus took on his way to Calvary. A staff member will be there to greet you and give instructions. In keeping with Covid-19 guidelines, we will social distance families as they go through the stations.

In lieu of Easter lilies this year, donations can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones to the Covid-19 fund. Make checks payable to the MVP Foundation. (see back)

Here are our next services:

- April 11: Join us for the online Holy Humor Sunday service, Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt preaching
- April 18: Outdoor Earth Day Service Celebrating God's Abundant Creation; Rev. Barrett Abernethy preaching
- April 25: Join us for online worship as we look at the "Doubting Thomas" text; John 20:19-31, sermon title Monkey Business, Rev. Barrett Abernethy preaching

It's not too late to sign up for our Easter services! Go to our website: mvpchurch.org and click on the picture of the church to be directed to the SignUp Genius. Please signup for either the Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. or the Traditional service at 11:00 a.m.

Church offices will be closed Monday, April 5.

