

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 17, 2014

Seven O'Clock

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Welcome and Introduction

Jeff Harris

Call to Worship

Candace Wilson

On this day, Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

**On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet,  
**giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.**

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
**that we who eat this bread and drink this cup**  
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection  
**and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

Opening Prayer

Jeff Harris

†Hymn 146

*O How He Loves You and Me*

PATRICIA

The Fifth Word

"I am thirsty."

John 19:28-29

Reflection

Jeff Harris

†Hymn 143

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDRIOUS LOVE

**The Lord's Supper**

Confession of Sin

Jeff Harris

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:

**We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.**

We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,

**and run in fear when we should be loyal.**

Though you have bound yourself to us,

**we have not bound ourselves to you.**

God, have mercy on us weak and willful people.

**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. Amen.**

Song of Forgiveness

*The Power of the Cross* (congregation join on refrains)

(first three times) *This, the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us; took the pain,  
bore the shame – we stand forgiven at the cross.*

(last time) *This, the power of the cross; Son of God slain for us. What a love!*

*What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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Words of Thanksgiving and Institution (*Gathering for Worship, The Baptist Union of Great Britain*)

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, God of peace and justice, that you have made all things to find their unity with you and in you.

**For you are the life and energy of all that is and you are making all things new.**

Without you, meaning is lost and we are estranged.

**The stars and galaxies, the waters and ocean-depths, sing your praise.**

Forest and mountain, yes, even the desert – all proclaim your splendor.

**With all creation we join the hymn of angels and archangels,**

and all your people of every time and place as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

In you is our health and our wholeness, the gift of the one who emptied himself.

**We give you thanks for Jesus, the wounded healer, who by his words and deeds  
brings new life to all creation.**

We praise you for his obedience even to the cross, where he made death the gateway to glory.

**We praise you that you raised him to a new life and set him on high to pray for us  
and to bring all things into union with you.**

At table with his friends, he took bread and gave thanks, he broke it and shared it with them.

**'Take, eat,' he said, 'to remember me.'**

And after supper, he took the cup of wine, he gave thanks and shared it with them.

**'Drink it, all of you,' he said, 'to remember me.'**

So we take these gifts of bread and wine, give thanks, and share them.

**Come, Holy Spirit; take the things and people of earth and make of them signs of  
the peace Christ brings by his body and blood.**

So that we, feeding on him and trusting in him alone, may be led from death to that life where strife and envy, falsehood and pride are ended in the holy communion of your eternal kingdom.

**These things we ask, in and with and through our Savior Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Choral Anthem *How Beautiful* -Paris/Larson

Receiving the Lord's Supper  
(Communion will be observed by intinction. Come to the table, take a wafer,  
dip it in the cup, partake of it, and return to your seat.)

Prayer Candace Wilson

The Sixth Word "It is finished." John 19:30

Hymn 137 *O Sacred Head* PASSION CHORALE

Reflection Jeff Harris

†Hymn 144 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

The Seventh Word "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:44-49

Hymn *Behold the Love, the Grace of God* (tune: HAMBURG; words: Barton Stone)

Behold the love, the grace of God, displayed in Jesus' precious blood;  
My soul's on fire, it yearns to prove the fullness of redeeming love.

The cross I view – O wondrous love! My sins expire, my fears remove;  
My native enmity is slain. I'm reconciled – I'm born again.

Our God is love – O leap, my soul! Let warm hosannas gently roll!  
Love gave a Son to save our race, and Jesus died through sov'reign grace!

What love has done, sing earth around! Angels prolong the eternal sound!  
Lo, Jesus bleeding on the tree! There, there, the love of God I see!

Reflection Jeff Harris

†Hymn 156 *Were You There (Stanzas 1-3)* WERE YOU THERE

**Please Depart in Silence**  
†Please stand, if you are able

# Maundy Thursday

