

- <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the  
LORD,  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his  
people.

*Psalm 116:12-14*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2021

7:30 p.m. Communion Service



Maundy Thursday

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021**

**GATHERING**

*The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*A time for quiet preparation before worship*

O Jesus, my feet are dirty.  
Come even as a slave to me,  
pour water into your bowl,  
come and wash my feet. *Repeat* (Origen of Alexandria c. 185-254)

**PRELUDE**

Were You There?

*Emma Lou Diemer*

**WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Coptic liturgy of St. Cyril of Alexandria*

Lord, through your only Son you have given us a new commandment:  
**we shall love one another even as you have loved us.**  
Lord, you have given us your beloved Son for our life and salvation.  
**Let our minds be forgetful of past grievances and let us worship with sincere minds.**  
Lord, give us now a pure conscience and a heart to love one another.  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**\* HYMN 202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*St. Anselm of Canterbury*

**Blessed Lord, our prayer is cold because our love is so feeble, but you are rich in mercy. Do not measure your goodness to us by the dullness of our devotion, but as your kindness surpasses all human affection, so let your hearing transcend our prayer. Do what is best for us, according to your will. Move us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, despite our stubbornness and evil ways. Forgive us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

As far as the east is from the west, that's how far our Lord has removed our transgressions from us. For the Lord is good to all and has compassion on all those God has made.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\* RESPONSE**

*Hymn #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**WORD**

*God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Words that Matter

*The Rev. Aaron Twitchell*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Athanasian Creed (excerpt)*

**We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity,  
neither blending their persons  
nor dividing their essence.**

**For the person of the Father is a distinct person,  
the person of the Son is another,  
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.**

**But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,  
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.**

**That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
is both God and human, equally.**

**He suffered for our salvation;**

**he descended to hell;**

**he arose from the dead;**

**he ascended to heaven;**

**he is seated at the Father's right hand;**

**from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**At his coming all people will arise bodily**

**and give an accounting of their own deeds.**

**This is the faith of the holy catholic church.**

**We believe it firmly and faithfully. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING & SENDING**

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go  
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Spiritual*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

It is right, Creator and Ruler of the Universe...

forever praising your steadfast love and glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn 552*

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

You are holy, O God of glory...

...as we proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

**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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BELL ANTHEM (online)                      When I Survey The Wondrous Cross                      arr. Arnold Sherman

ORGAN IMPROVISATION (sanctuary)      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross                      arr. E. Meyer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 205

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

*[service hymns and some announcements follow]*

**Worship Leaders:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

**Liturgists:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

**Choir:** John Dean

**Organist:** Erik Meyer

**Ushers today are:** Gary Koch and Carolyn Koch

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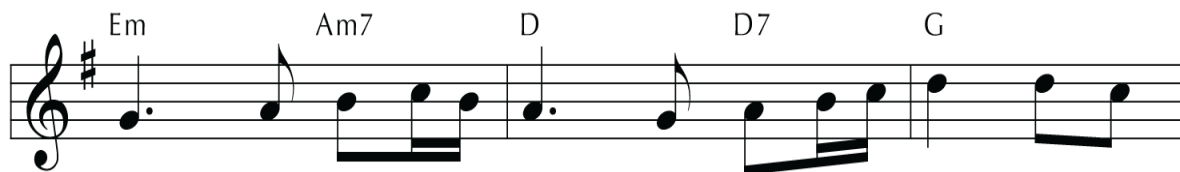
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# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

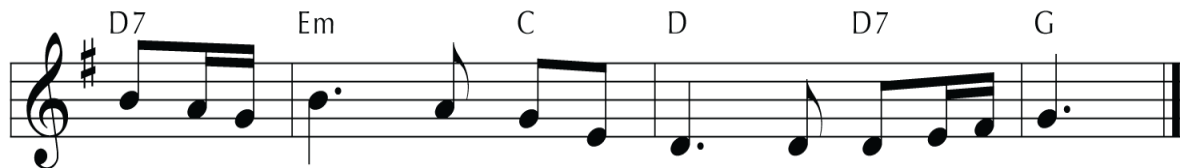
## Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

# Live in Charity

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## *Ubi caritas*

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.  
*U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,*

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.  
*u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.*

This refrain comes from a Latin hymn associated with the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. Whether in English or Latin, it is most effective when sung unaccompanied and in parts. In many ways it is a miniature equivalent of "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (see no. 727).

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