

Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston

6:00pm GATHERING MUSIC (A time for meditation)

6:10 OPENING SENTENCES

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Call: From parched places I have cried to You.
Response: O Lord, hear my voice.
Call: With my whole heart I want to praise You.
Response: O Lord, hear my voice.
Call: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:
Response: Who could stand? who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in God's Presence do I hope.

*EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH (standing and in unison)

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

HYMN - *Servant Song*

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

PRAYERS

C: In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

R: The Lord is my light & my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the refuge of my life;

R: of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O wait for the Lord! Have courage and wait, wait for the Lord.

C: Let us pray...

(The liturgist then leads a time of prayer, during which all may share out loud particular prayers.)

Concluding Prayer shared by liturgist: As you have made this day, O God, you also make the night. Give light for our comfort. come upon us with quietness and still our souls, that we may listen for the whisper of Your 'spirit and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams. Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise, and show Christ to the world, for he reigns forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Response: "Amazing Grace" (verse one)

BENEDICTION & PASSING OF THE PEACE

A Blessing

See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children,
and love one another.

Follow the example of good men and women of old
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come.

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

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