



***Maundy Thursday Service
March 28th, 2013***

The Presbyterian Church of St. David

Four movements to this night

The traditional four Passover questions begin when the youngest person asks: "Why is this night different from all other nights?" The seder leader replies by asking what differences they notice. The youngest person then replies that there are four ways in which they notice a difference about Passover:

1. On all other nights we eat bread or matza, while on this night we eat only matza.
2. On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables and herbs, but on this night we have to eat bitter herbs.
3. On all other nights we don't dip our vegetables in salt water, but on this night we dip them twice.
4. On all other nights we eat while sitting upright, but on this night we eat reclining.

Tonight we create our own four movements. The question is still valid for us:

"Why is this night different from all other nights?"

The candle of liberation is lit

The Story of Liberation

Exodus 12: 1-; 11-14 **1** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: **2** This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell the



whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. **11** This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. **14** This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hymn: Great God, your love has called us here **226**
We were slaves in Egypt. But God saw our suffering and heard our cries and lead us out of the slavery of Egypt, showing great signs and wonders. God led us into the desert and lived among us. When we were hungry, God fed us. When we were thirsty, God gave us water. And in great love for us God made a covenant, a contract, with us. God said, I will be your God and you will be my people. We agreed. The Lord made us the people of God. Blessed be your name Lord God of the universe

How much goodness the Lord has shown to us!

*Had God delivered us from Egypt... **It would have been enough!**
Had God given us the beauty of creation... **It would have been enough!**
Had God made us free people... **It would have been enough!**
And now you have given us your only son, our Lord. **He is enough!**
Blessed are you Lord our God, **Who has given us so many good gifts!***

The candle of salvation is lit

The Story of Salvation

Psalm 116 1-2, 12-19: (together) **The cup of Salvation**



1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Hymn: An Upper Room

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1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

The supper of Salvation

23 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.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Hymn: Broken for me

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During the singing of the hymn, please come, take bread, dip and eat in remembrance.

The candle of service is lit

The Story of Service

John 13: 3-9,15-17

The sacrament of service

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet



and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Hymn: Jesus, Jesus, fill us

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During the singing of the hymn any who so wish may have their feet or hands washed

The candle of love is lit

The Story of Love

John 13: 34-36

34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Hymn: A new commandment

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Commission and Benediction: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. We pray you, by your Holy Spirit, write this commandment in our hearts. Help us serve as Jesus served, to not be afraid to offer ourselves in service for the sake of others, to find our true liberation in his love.. Amen

Go now in peace and may the Lord our God bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine upon you and lift up his countenance upon you - both now and forevermore. Amen
(We leave in silence)