



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1 April 2021

**Welcome to this service of Worship
Online**

Greeting and Welcome

Allison Wheeler

As we walk with Jesus during this Holy Week, we prepare for His death and His resurrection. Today, we sit with Jesus at the table and hear again the new commandment Jesus gives His disciples: to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Let us open up our ears as we continue in worship.

Music

To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul
The ACP Bronze Ringers

Fred Gramann

Prayer of Common Confession

Doug Fondell

Merciful God, we confess that we have fallen short in thought, word, and deed. Though you have loved us unconditionally, we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Though you command us to love unconditionally, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us and guide our steps, that we may do your will and walk in your ways our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Friends, the love of God is new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness.
Let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri

The First Lesson – Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Kelly Dell

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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 ... It is the passover of the LORD. 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. 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. 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. Thanks be to God.

Music

Aus liebe will mein Heiland sterben
Jennifer Young, *soloist* Lisa Prevett, *flute* Fred Gramann, *organ*

J.S. Bach

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Meditation	If Love is the Answer, You're Home: A Conversation Around the Table Victor Greene and ACP Young Adults	
Music	Jesus We Love You Alex Duignan, soloist	<i>Bethel Music</i>
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Victor Greene
Eucharist		Odette Lockwood-Stewart, Jodi Fondell
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Music	Deep River John Bernard, <i>soloist</i> Fred Gramann, <i>piano</i>	Spiritual, arr. <i>H.T. Burleigh</i>
Benediction		Victor Greene
Congregational Amen		

