

Preservice (3 minutes)**Toccata**

Ovid Young

Welcome

Dr. Richard White

Prelude***Herzliebster Jesu***

David Blackwell

Call To Worship

April Vaden

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise***Ask Ye What Great Things I Know*****UMH 163**

*Ask ye what great things I know, that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

*Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my
wandering heart, healing all its hidden smart? Jesus Christ the crucified.*

*Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who will place me on his
right, with the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

*This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in him who died to
save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

Offertory Celebration

Dr. Richard White

Offertory Anthem***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent***

Carlton Young

The Quarantine Quintet

Sermon Intro/ Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Richard White

Scripture: Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 43, 46, 53-65 (NRSV)

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Immediately, while he [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

Sermon

Temple Leaders: The Self-Righteous

Dr. Richard White

Sermon Series: Villains of Holy Week: The Gift of Redemption

Communion Sunday, UMH 19, 20 Communion Responses

Invitation to Communion

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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

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Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Great Thanksgiving

Dr. Richard White

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth, you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty night you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and established an everlasting covenant with every living creature upon the earth.

When you delivered us from slavery and made us your covenant people, you led Moses to your mountain for forty days and forty nights and gave us your teachings. You led us through the wilderness and fed us manna for forty years and brought us to the promised land.

When we forsook you covenant, you led your prophet Elijah to your mountain, where, as he fasted forty days and forty night, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights in preparation for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly Paschal feast of your Son's death and resurrection, you lead us to repentance for our sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this and remember me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, and remember me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Covenant Prayer Following Communion

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I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Hymn of Service

What Feast of Love

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What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing? How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this, is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Benediction

Dismissal

Grace Alone

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*Every promise we can make Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we can make Is only by His grace.*

*Every mountain we will climb Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind Is only by His grace.*

*Grace alone Which God supplies Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone We will go forth in grace alone*

Chimes

Postlude

Redeemed

arr. Carol Tornquist



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