



- Twelve Disciples • The Lord's Supper
- Humility • Prayer • Betrayal
 - Desertion • Denial
- Our Lord's Sacrifice...

JESUS

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2010 • 7:30 pm

*For those who are able, please stand.

Please turn your cell phones off prior to entering worship.

Hearts, Minds & Songs Brought to Life

In 1909, a British archeologist discovered a set of scrolls in the region of Antioch that he assumed to be a copy of the Psalms. Upon closer inspection, he realized that these were a collection of what scholars had only seen in part -- The Odes of Solomon, the first hymns of the church. These hymns date from 75 A.D. to 125 A.D. and were originally written in Syriac, but quickly translated into Greek, Coptic and later Latin.

These 1st Century hymns were written during times of tremendous persecution of the early Christians by the Roman Emperor Trajan. These chants, which were sung in churches throughout Christendom, provide insight into the heart and mindset of the church's early believers. John Andrew Schreiner of the Odes Project has taken these words and set them to music that we can all sing. As we hear and sing these words from the 1st Century church, we commune with those early Christians to worship a faithful God of the new Covenant.

WELCOME

Dr. Randy Steele

**PRAISE MUSIC*

John Andrew Schreiner and Jeff Macare

I Will Not Fear

Odes Project

Here is Love

Robert Lowry

A TIME TO REFLECT

CALL TO CONFESSION

I Stretched Out My Hands
John Andrew Schreiner and Jeff Macare

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Emily McColl

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send Jesus into the world to judge or condemn us, but to be our Savior.

People: *Our past is over and gone, for we are saved by our faith in Christ.*

Leader: We are now called to leave the past behind and follow our Lord into new life.

People: *Let us accept the pardon and transformation God offers in Christ.
Let us live as forgiven people.*

SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Still My Soul
John Andrew Schreiner and Jeff Macare

Catharina von Schlegel

A SERVICE OF WASHING AND THE LORD’S SUPPER

**A LITANY OF SERVICE*

Leader: Friends in Christ, Scripture reminds us, in various words and symbols, what God intends for us.

People: *The water of our baptism is a cleansing sign of our dying and rising with Christ.*

Leader: The water we use tonight is a sign of our willingness to follow Christ.

People: *At Christ’s command, we offer this water of humility and lower ourselves, as Christ did, to wash the hands of others.*

Leader: With Peter, we open ourselves to another and allow ourselves to be washed with water.

People: *With God’s help we offer ourselves for this lesson of humility and love.*

Leader: Before Jesus was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and eat. This is my body which will be given up for you.”

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he offered thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. God of compassion, through your son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve you and one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Leader: Those who wish may come forward and share in the washing ceremony, and then receive the bread and the cup of the Lord’s Supper.

**HANDWASHING SERVICE*

I Was Lifted Up Into The Light

Alleluia

I Will Not Fear

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE* *I'm Putting On The Love Of The Lord* Odes Project
John Andrew Schreiner and Jeff Macare

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING* Dr. Randy Steele

Leader: We have remembered and celebrated together; now we are sent out to serve in Christ's name.

People: We have been washed and fed; now we go out to follow Christ's example of service.

Leader: Let your daily life express thanksgiving to God. Let your daily acts express God's love to others.

People: We participate in a new covenant; remembrance of Christ inspires our caring.

Leader: Walk in confidence through Good Friday to Easter. God's love sustains us through death to new life.

People: God's steadfast love and faithfulness assure us. We dare to offer to others what we have experienced.

**BENEDICTION*

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Tomorrow Night: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae ~ 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday Celebration Services ~ 8:30 am & 10:30 am