MAUNDY THURSDAY

Ecumenical Supper

Wellesley College Chapel

March 23, 1978

THE GATHERING

PRAYERS

THE MEAL

AN ORDER OF RECOLLECTION

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet Hosannas ring
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present.

First Reader: Rejoice greatly 0 daughter of Zion!
Shout, 0 daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold thy God comes to you.

All: HE IS THE RIGHTEOUS SAVIOR
HE WILL SPEAK PEACE TO THE NATIONS

Second Reader: Behold the larfo of God, who takes
away the sins of the world.

All: TAKE HYSSOP AND SPRINKLE ME
THAT I MAY BE WHITER THAN SNOW.

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NARRATOR Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved hiK own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus knowing that God had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel.

Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which he ^as girded.

Third Reader: We pour this water in sober remembrance of Him who gave himself for us, and with joyful thanksgiving for the washing of regeneration.

ALL: WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF GOD, WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

Third Reader: So we celebrate the promise of these waters, - 2 -
In the Name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
Amen.

ALL: FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS FOLLY TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, BUT TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD. FOR IT IS WRITTEN "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL THWART."

Narrator: He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him:

Peter: Lord, do you wash my feet?

Jesus: What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand

Peter: You shall never wash - my feet.

Jesus: If I do not wash you, you have no part in me.

Peter: Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!

Jesus: He who has bathed does not need to wash, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but hot all of you.

Narrator: For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."

When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them:

Jesus: Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

ALL: WHERE 18 THE WI8E MAN? WHERE IS THE WISE WOMAN? WHERE IS THE DEBATOR OF THIS AGE? HAS NOT GOD MADE FOOLISH THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD? FOR SINCE, IN THE WISDOM OF GOD, THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW GOD THROUGH WISDOM, IT PLEASED GOD THROUGH THE FOLLY OF WHAT WE PREACH TO SAVE THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

FOR THE JEWS DEMAND SIGNS AND GREEKS SEEK WISDOM, BUT WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED, A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS AND FOLLY TO GENTILES, BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED, BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN HUMAN WISDOM AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER THAN HUMAN STRENGTH.

Jesus: I have given you an example, that you also should **do** as I have done to you. Truly, truly I say to you: servants are not greater than their master; **nor** is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

ALL: BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS OF GOD **AND** ONE WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. ONE **WHO** DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD: FOR GOD IS LOVE. **IN** THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MADE MANIFEST AMONG US, **THAT** GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD, SO THAT **WE** MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM. IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT **WE** LOVED GOD BUT THAT GOD LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON **TO** BE THE EXPIATION FOR OUR SINS.

BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD: IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD ABIDES IN US AND GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECTED **IN** LOVE.

Hymn: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies' crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, 0 breathe thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect.love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love **and** praise. Amen