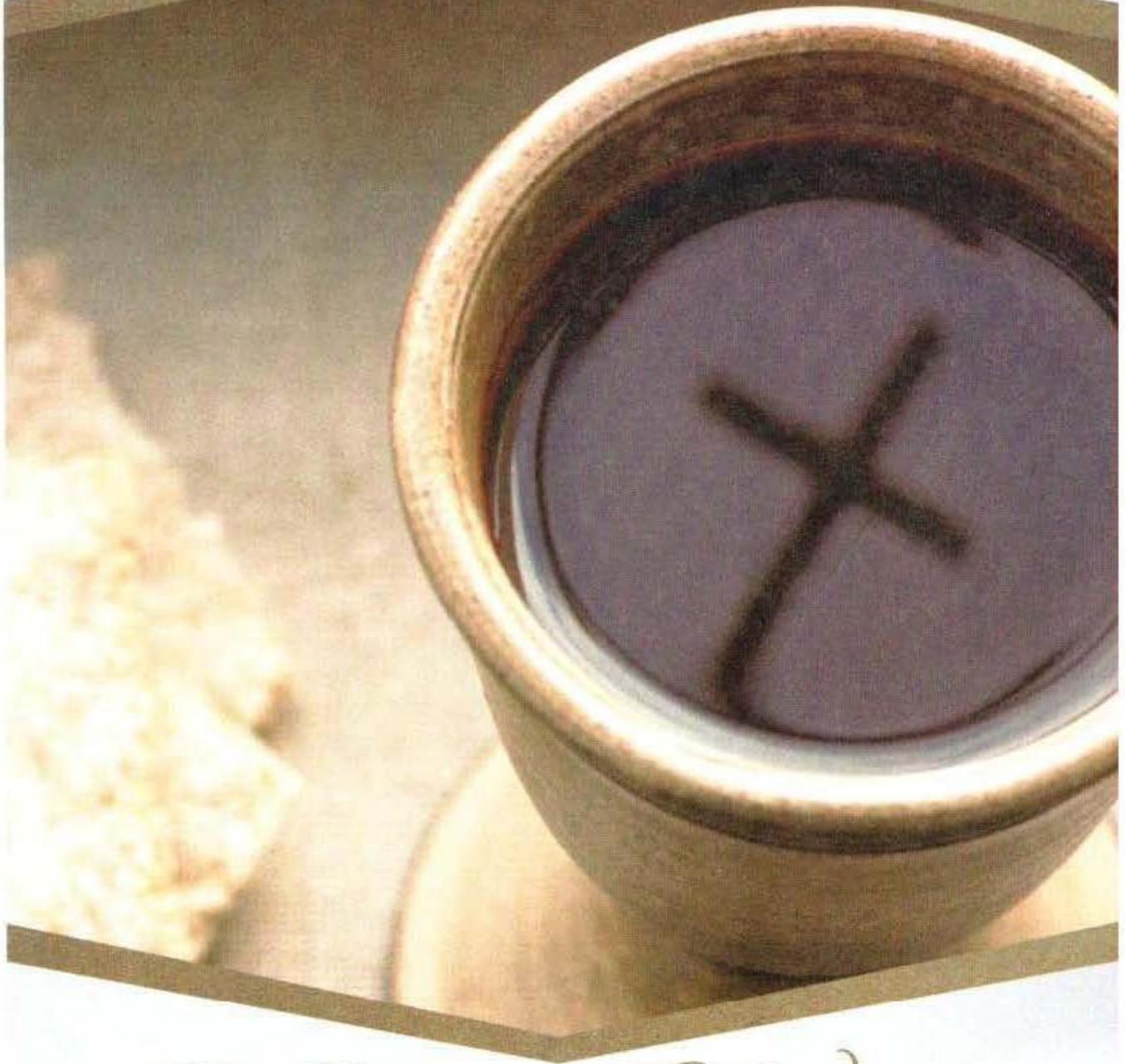




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# *Maundy Thursday*

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

JOHN 13:1

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN**  
**805 Main Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 1, 2021**

**7:30 p.m.**

**PRELUDE** *Ach Herr, mich armen Sunder* *Dietrich Buxtehude*

**\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE** *(from the Book of Common Worship, c. 1993)*

“On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room. On this day, Jesus said: ‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’ On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim His holy sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection, and at the last day may reign with Him in heaven. And on this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Isaiah 53:4-6)*

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.  
BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS UPON HIM, AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

**\*HYMN** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison):*

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 LOVED THEM. WRITE THIS COMMANDMENT IN OUR HEARTS; GIVE US THE WILL TO SERVE AS HE SERVED, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE AND DIED FOR US, YET IS ALIVE AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. FORGIVE US FOR EVERY FAILURE TO LOVE AS WE OUGHT TO LOVE, FORGIVE AS WE OUGHT TO FORGIVE, SERVE AS WE OUGHT TO SERVE, TO BE WHAT YOU’VE CALLED US TO BE AND DO WHAT YOU’VE CALLED US TO DO. STRENGTHEN EVERY DESIRE WITHIN US TO AMEND OUR LIVES ACCORDING TO YOUR HOLY WILL. LEAD US ONCE AGAIN TO YOUR TABLE AND UNITE US TO CHRIST, WHO IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, THE VINE FROM WHICH WE GROW IN GRACE, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY: “OUR FATHER ...”

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Lamb of God* *Twila Paris*  
*Bill Cheney, Baritone*

**GOSPEL READING** John 13:1-20

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*Philippians 2:1-8*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

WHO, BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE USED TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE; RATHER, HE MADE HIMSELF NOTHING BY TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A SERVANT, BEING MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS. AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!

**\*HYMN** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*

**MEDITATION** HEAVEN’S WELCOME MAT

**OFFERING**

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

YOU ARE HOLY, O GOD OF MAJESTY, AND BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHOM YOU SENT TO DELIVER US FROM THE BONDAGE OF DEATH AND THE SLAVERY TO SIN. IN HUMILITY HE DESCENDS FROM YOUR HEIGHTS, TO KNEEL IN OBEDIENCE TO LOVE’S COMMANDS. HE WHO IS BOUNDLESS TAKES ON THE BONDAGE OF OUR SIN. HE WHO IS FREE TAKES OUR PLACE IN DEATH’S PRISON. THE CUP OF SUFFERING HE DRANK HAS BECOME FOR US THE CUP OF SALVATION. IN HIS DEATH, HE HAS RANSOMED US FROM DEATH’S DOMINION; IN HIS RESURRECTION, HE OPENED THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE. ACCEPT THIS OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A LIVING AND HOLY OFFERING OF OURSELVES, THAT OUR LIVES MAY PROCLAIM THE ONE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, AMEN.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN**                    *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

*Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
by Whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in Whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token  
that by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

**A SERVICE OF READINGS**

<i>The Shadow of the Betrayal</i>	<i>Matthew 26:20-25</i>
<i>The Shadow of the Desertion</i>	<i>Matthew 26:31-35</i>
<i>The Agony of the Soul</i>	<i>Luke 22:39-42</i>
<i>The Unshared Vigil</i>	<i>Mark 14:32-41</i>

**\*HYMN**                    *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

<i>Father, the Hour is Come</i>	<i>John 17:1-6</i>
<i>That They May Be One</i>	<i>John 17:15-22</i>
<i>The Arrest at the Gate</i>	<i>John 18:1-5</i>
<i>The Shadow of the Cross</i>	<i>Mark 15:16-20</i>

**\*HYMN**                    *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark</i>
<i>Director of Music and Choirs, Organist</i>	<i>John C. Black</i>
<i>“Choir”</i>	<i>Olivia V. Black</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Wayne A. Meunier</i>
<i>Camera and Technical</i>	<i>Adam K. Jones</i>

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Elders W. Harold Hayman, Ida B. Hayman, and Peter K. McKnight  
by Joan-Sandra McKnight*

# What Wondrous Love Is This

What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us . . . I John 3:1

WONDROUS LOVE 12 9 12 9  
Southern Harmony, 1835

American folk hymn

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
Lamb, who is the great "I Am," While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

# Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?

He is despised and rejected of men . . . Isa. 53:3

Johann Heermann, c. 1630  
Trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1899  
Based on Jean de Fecamp, d. 1078

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11 11 11 5  
Johann Crüger, 1640

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast Thou of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on Thee?  
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was Thy in - car - na - tion,  
4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay Thee,

That man to judge Thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done Thee! 'Twas I, Lord  
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and Thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of  
I do a - dore Thee, and will ev - er pray Thee, Think on Thy

rid - ed, by Thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied Thee; I cru - ci - fied Thee.  
an - guish and Thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.  
pit - y and Thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing. A - men.

## 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

When they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head . . . Matt. 27:29

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century  
Trans. (German) by Paul Gerhardt, 1656  
Trans. (English) by James W. Alexander, 1830

PASSION CHORALE 7 6 7 6 D.

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601  
Arr. by J. S. Bach, 1729

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est friend,

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown:  
Mine, mine was the trans - ges - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee. A - men.

# Go to Dark Gethsemane

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane . . . Matt. 26:36

James Montgomery, 1825

REDHEAD 777777

Richard Redhead, 1853

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, Ye that feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of life ar - raigned.  
3. Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,  
4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His breath - less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see; Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus - tained!  
Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete:  
All is sol - i - tude and gloom, Who hath tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear the cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise. A - men.

## JOHN 13:1-20

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath need only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For He knew who was going to betray Him, and that was why He said not every one was clean.

When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'" [Psalm 41:9]

"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am Who I am. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts Me; and whoever accepts Me accepts the One Who sent Me."

## A SERVICE OF READINGS

### THE SHADOW OF THE BETRAYAL: MATTHEW 26:20-25

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, He said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me."

They were very sad and began to say to Him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you." (or, "You yourself had said so.")

### THE SHADOW OF THE DESERTION: MATTHEW 26:31-35

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written:

*'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'* [Zech 13:7]

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

### THE AGONY OF THE SOUL: LUKE 22:39-42

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

## **THAT THEY MAY BE ONE: JOHN 17:15-22**

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As you sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”

## **THE ARREST AT THE GATE: JOHN 18:1-5**

When He had finished praying, Jesus left with His disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and He and His disciples went into it.

Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am He,” Jesus said.

And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.

## **THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS: MARK 15:16-20**

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on Him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on Him. And they began to call out to Him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck Him on the head with a staff and spit on Him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple robe and put His own clothes on Him.

Then they led Him out to crucify Him.

## **THE UNSHARED VIGIL: MARK 14:32-41**

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” He said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. “Abba, Father,” He said, “everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.”

Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Once more He went away and prayed the same thing. When He came back, He again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to Him.

Returning the third time, He said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”

\*HYMN

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

## **FATHER, THE HOUR IS COME: JOHN 17:1-6**

After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed your word.