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Maundy Thursday Service

March 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.

A Moment for Silent Prayer

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 others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Gathering

PRELUDE "Jesus Messiah/Amazing Grace"

GREETING Leader: May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Is He Worthy?" insert

+CALL TO WORSHIP John 13:34

Leader: 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 the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: 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.

+PRAYER OF THE EVENING

+HYMN "Lamb of God" vs 1-3 insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen

(a moment of silence)

KYRIE ELEISON ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.***

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

PSALM READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Pieta"

Joseph Martin

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31-35

HOMILY

"The Law of Love - the Love of Love"

Rev. Donna Wright

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

The Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Come, Share the Lord"

"Come to the Table"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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CHARGE

DEPART IN SILENCE