

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

APRIL 17, 2025

GATHERING

Silence is kept.

GREETING:

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection,

And at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 94 AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are often less than loving to you and to one another. We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us the will to change, that we may truly live, learn, and love. 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.

Silent prayer.

*please stand

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

SPECIAL MUSIC WHEN HE WAS ON THE CROSS I WAS ON HIS MIND KEN STRICKLAND

GOSPEL READING JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON KINDNESS WHEN IT MATTERS DR. KELLY

*HYMN NO. 525 LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, God made the world:

Made it and shaped it;

Filled it with life and with song and variety.

All that sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence,

All that suffers, lacks, or limps,

The world belongs to God.

When the time was right, God sent his Son.

Sent him to earth to redeem us;

Filled him with laughter and tears and compassion, filled him with love and devotion.

He loved the unlovable, touched the untouchable, forgave the unforgivable,

Loved by the least, but feared by the leaders; befriended by the weak;

Deserted by his followers, denied by his friends;

Writing heaven's pardon over earth's mistakes,

The Word became flesh.

When the world could stand it no longer,
They made a cross for God's own son,
Fashioned from wood from hate.
An enemy of the state, a danger to religion,
He was nailed to the cross by human hands;
He died, declaring God's forgiveness.
He rose on the third day, transforming death. He ascended into heaven.
That he might be everywhere on earth,
He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.
He sets before us bread and wine, and invites us to his table.
This is the place where we are made whole again.
For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,
ALL: BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE REDEEMED.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

O THE WONDERFUL CROSS

CHRIS TOMLIN

*CHARGE

Go in peace.

As Christ loves us,

Let us love one another. Amen.

DISMISSAL

All depart in silence.

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