

# Service in Remembrance of our Lord

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2015

*As we enter the worship space, we cross the threshold from the secular to the sacred,  
from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy, from darkness to light.  
Please enter into this sacred space in reverence to the Holy One.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE	Selected
WELCOME	Rev. Candice Klein
*INTROIT #468	<i>“In My Life, Lord”</i> (v. 1) Kilpatrick, 1978
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. David Luckert

With the Table of our Lord spread before us,  
*We gather to offer ourselves in worship.*  
With the Table of our Lord spread before us,  
*We pray for strength and new life in our faith.*  
The darkness deepens, and the Lord grows troubled.  
*Can we watch with Him?*  
*Can we be the friends at His table who share His bread and wine?*  
*Can we be the companions who journey with Him to the end?*

Through the broken bread and the cup of salvation, we participate in the new life Christ offers.  
*Come, let us worship, let us watch, let us truly see, and let us give thanks for such  
great love. Amen.*

\*HYMN # 468 *“In My Life, Lord”* (v. 2-4)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus stuns us with his passion and his commitment. He did not run from the darkness, he did not hide from his accusers. He stepped with determination into the darkness, willingly giving himself to whip and fist, to wood and nails. So let us now confess our sins before our precious Lord. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We praise you, Gracious Lord, for what you were prepared to endure to reconcile us with God. We praise you, Gracious Lord, for your words of forgiveness, and the invitation to paradise. Forgive us for allowing ourselves to become too familiar with this story. Forgive*

*us for taking your suffering too lightly, and receiving your grace too cheaply. As we watch with you, while the darkness encroaches, help us remember what this journey means, and to count again the cost of love. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY	Kyrie Eleison
<i>“Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”</i>	

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news once again: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.  
*Remembering, we will go forth to bring hope where there is only despair, to be servants to those whom you have put in our path, to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave his all – for me. Amen*

*GLORIA PATRI	<i>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.</i>	#579
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ANTHEM	<i>“Man of Sorrows”</i>	Arr. By Larsen
	Combined Chancel Choirs	

## Proclaiming

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE	John 13: 1-5, 12-17	
	The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
HYMN #521	<i>" In Remembrance of Me"</i>	Courtney, 1972

SECOND SCRIPTURE	I Corinthians 11: 23-32
The Word of the Lord	<i>Thanks be to God</i>

REFLECTION	The Very Last Supper	Rev. Candice L. Klein
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## Responding to the Word

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**Invitation to the Table**  
**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
May the God of last suppers be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Open your hearts to God this night.

*We open them to the One whose heart is broken tonight.*

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

*We offer thanks to the One who walks and waits with us through long nights.*

### Prayer

..... we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:

*Holy, holy, holy, God of towels and basins.*

*We join heaven and earth in praising your name.*

*Blessed is the One who became a servant for us.*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

..... we come to the Table, we remember that mystery called faith:

*In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death.*

*In remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection.*

*In remembrance, we await his return to us.*

**Lord's Prayer** (*debts and debtors*)

### Words of Institution

**Communion of the People** Please come forward as you are able. Communion is served by intinction. Both chalices contain grape juice.

### Prayer following Communion

*It was the beginning of salvation on that night long ago, Loving Lord, as you prepared your disciples for all the things which were to happen. You humbled yourself by washing their feet, and serving them at Table, so they could follow you in service and love to a world which would reject you and hang you on a cross. We tell these stories once again on this night of remembrance, O God. Here we have found the Bread which gives us life; here we have tasted the Cup which satisfies our thirst for justice. Prepare us now, Triune God, for our journey of discipleship. Amen.*

HYMN #215

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

Young, 1835

**THE STRIPPING OF SACRED SPACE** The final act of this service of worship and reflection is the stripping of the worship space. The unadorned space reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane, and now gives a depiction of Christ's desolation. No benediction will be given, nor any postlude played on this night, as the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are actually one unified ritual. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

Please depart this worship space in silence.



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