

A Service in Commemoration of Holy Thursday

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m.

March 29, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Loving Savior, whose care for us is deeper and wider than we can imagine, grant us now a sense of participation in the stories of Passover and the upper room. May Christ's example inspire our renewed commitment and service Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (v.1)

Bradbury, 1859

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the growing darkness we gather. Our Lenten journey has brought us here. Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us bread, a cup. He gives us an example and a commandment ever new: to love one another as he has loved us. This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.

Let us pray...

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.

*HYMN #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (v.2-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another, first silently, and then together with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON 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. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Congregants may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*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.

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Proclaiming

ANTHEM

*“Here at Thy Table, Lord”
(Chancel Choir)*

Holt/Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bibles, p.163/LG. p.211

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Young, 1965

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Bibles, p.101/ LG. p.131

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Jimmy Chapman

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

(This creed can be found in the front of your hymnal on page 34)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

CHARGE

*HYMN #224

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Watts, 1707

STRIPPING OF THE WORSHIP SPACE

(During the final hymn, members will extinguish the candle, and remove the paraments from the Worship Space.)

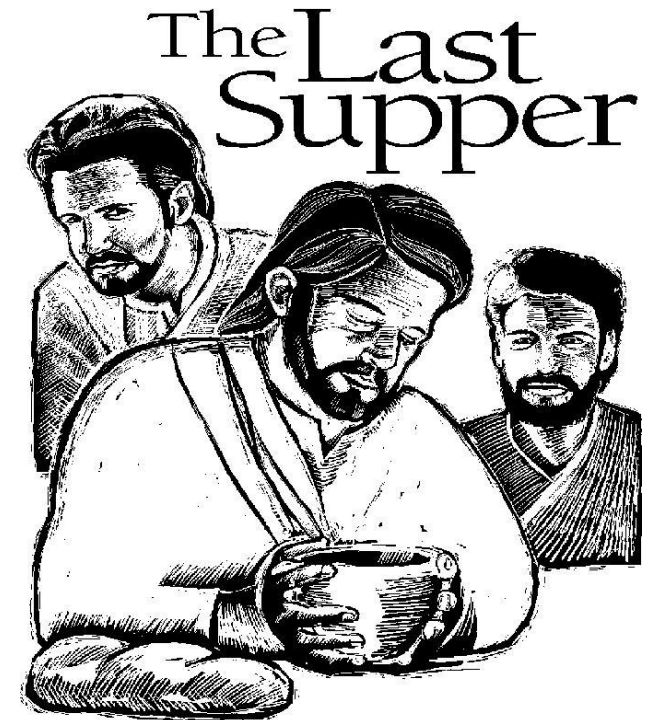
The final act of this service is the stripping of the worship space. The unadorned space reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane, and now gives a depiction of Christ's desolation. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

Following the stripping of the church, you may come forward as you are ready and put your written sin onto the cross, using the nail you received tonight. If you are ready, you may leave this space after attaching it.

Please depart this worship space in silence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. 03/30	Good Friday	
Sun. 04/01	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
Sun. 04/01	Easter Breakfast	following Sunrise Service
Sun. 04/01	Celebrate the Resurrection	11:00am
Mon. 04/02	Church Offices Closed	



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