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AND HE TOOK THE BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

IN THE SAME WAY, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU." - LUKE 22:19-20

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 6, 2023

7:00 PM

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WELCOME**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember His arrest and trial.

We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

+ OPENING HYMN

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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CALL TO CONFESSION

How is it people will recognize us as followers of Jesus? Simply by how we treat one another. Let us confess how we have not loved as Christ loves us, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(John 13)*

Loving Christ, on that night long ago, you knew that your hour had come. You knew full well what lay ahead of you. Your disciples loved you and followed you, but they had also failed you. They would fail you yet again that night, and one would betray you. Yet you washed their feet, as a servant would, even the feet of your betrayer. We have also loved you and followed you. We have also failed you, and we cannot comprehend the love that you show us, the love that is our example, the love that tells us to do as you have done for us.

May we be like you, Master, servants of all. May all see how we long to be your faithful disciples. May all see how we love each other, just as you have loved us. Hear us now, as we continue to confess, in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(John 13)*

Now the Son of Man, the One who loves us, is glorified.

In Him, God is also glorified.

The One who loves us gives us a new commandment:
to love one another!

As the Lord has loved us, you are to love each other.

Let all see this love among us, and glorify God.

Let all see how we belong to Christ!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

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We are forgiven.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us the wisdom of Your Spirit to understand and receive the depth and breadth of the love that Christ showers upon us. Bless this reading of Your Word that we might be transformed by its grace.

Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17 NRSV

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he

said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

Bless the Lord

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GOSPEL READING

John 13:21-38 NRSV

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” ³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:36-46 NRSV

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.³⁸ Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

Stay with Me

204 (Taizé)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:47-56 NRSV

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.⁵¹ Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: *Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates to receive communion. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. You may return to your seats by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward please notify an usher, and a server will bring communion to you in your row, or you may pick up a prefilled communion cup in the Welcome Center. Know that all are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Albert Hay Malotte

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion *Bread of Life from Heaven*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

BENEDICTION *(John 13)*

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.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

Go in peace, then, loving one another
and loving the world that God so loved.

Amen.

SOLO *They Crucified My Lord (He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word)*

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Chris Anderson, Soloist

1 They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

2 They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

3 They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

4 The blood came trickalin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
the blood came trickalin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

5 He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

A Time of Silent Meditation

Please leave prayerfully and in silence.

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

April 7, 2023 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10 AM - 2:30 PM

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday Worship - Communion

Traditional Worship service 8:30 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM

Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM

Contemporary Worship service 11:00 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM

Easter Egg Hunt (after 11 AM worship)