

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOMING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

One: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved for your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us...

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

All: Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

DINNER TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 31-35

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." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON

“Talking the Talk, Washing the Wash”

GREAT THANKSGIVING

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNION HYMN #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Holy Manna

COMUNION LITURGY

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

SANCTUS Hymn #552 **Holy, Holy, Holy** Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION

[Elders will administer the sacrament at each table. As they break the bread and distribute it to their table, they say, “The bread of heaven” and the people respond, “Thanks be to God.” As they pour the juice, they say, “The cup of salvation” and the people respond, “Praise to you, O Christ.” Each table should take communion together after the elements have been distributed]

POST COMMION PRAYER

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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