

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude – O Bread of Life from Heaven

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Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ—Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.

Greeting Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship (responsive)

This is a day of remembrance for us.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup

we remember the saving love of Christ.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #202 – An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare

*Call to Confession

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of the Confession (unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. Jesus taught us how to serve, but we fail to follow his example. Jesus showed us how to love, but we fail to keep his commandment. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean in your mercy, so that we will be faithful disciples and share in the life you offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord

*Hymn #551 Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us *Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the PCUSA Study Catechism, Q. 78 (responsive)

What does it mean to share in the Lord's Supper?

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, pouring out his Spirit upon us. By his Spirit, the bread that we break and the cup that we bless share in our Lord's own body and blood. Through them he once offered our life to God; through them he now offers his life to us. As I receive the bread and the cup, remembering that Christ died even for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving, and enter his risen life, so that his life becomes mine, and my life becomes his, to all eternity.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

First Reading – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Second Reading – Luke 22:54-62

Sermon – The Lord Turned and Looked at Peter

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation and The Words of Institution

Great Thanksgiving

The Communion

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and the blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stripping of the Church and Solo – Were You There

(Worshipers will wait in silent prayer as the paraments and other symbols are removed from the sanctuary. The table, font, pulpit and choir railing will then be draped with black cloth. When this is finished, and the solo has also ended, all may depart in silence. There is no benediction with this service.)



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.

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