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Maundy Thursday

*Please stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Were You There

Jeff and Barb Hunt, Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*OPENING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymns sung by Kate Keeler and Carolyn Shay

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John Thomason

from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SILENT MEDITATION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, recalling your Son’s death and resurrection, his ascension and his abiding presence through your Holy Spirit, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ’s sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ, be renewed as his body and transformed into his likeness; faithfully serve him in the world; and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (vv. 1-3)

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:30-35

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (*NRSV*)
Read by Rynn Naylor

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (*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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him,

“Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus 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.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ 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.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Ah, Holy Jesus*

SERMON *Last Words at the Last Supper* Rev. Thomason

TIME OF REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD
from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*
led by Rynn Naylor

After each petition, the liturgist will conclude: *Lord, in your mercy,*
The congregation will respond: **hear our prayer.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
from *At the Lord’s Table*

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe. You created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your own image, delivered us from captivity, fed us manna in the wilderness, made covenant with us, and set before us the way of life.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

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.

Most holy and merciful God, time and again we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, yet you gave us the crowning gift in your Son Jesus Christ. Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples’ feet, and gave a holy meal as the pledge of his abiding presence.

On the night he gave himself up for us, at table with those who would desert him and deny him, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for