

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 1ST, 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WE APPROACH CHRIST'S SUFFERING

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hassler

Greeting: (Responsively)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

P: On this day, Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

L: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

All: On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has come so that we might have abundant life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

First Reading: *The Last Supper* Luke 22:7-21

*Hymn: "Rock of Ages" (vv.1,2) (see insert)

Second Reading: *The Garden of Gethsemane* Luke 22:39-53

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we know that we are never separated from our fallible humanness that brought you to the cross. We are part of the stumbling world that has pushed you to this time of trial and pain. Even though you will not fail us as you prepare this last meal with your disciples, we will continually fail you. We are those who stand by and watch as your truth struggles for life. We are those who turn away in fear as you call us to follow. We are those who will deny you in the face of cultural pressure that surrounds us, as did Peter. O God forgive us, for we know not what we do, for we ask and pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, who will take upon himself the burden of our sin. Amen.

(Prayer of Confession continues in silence)

Words of Assurance

*Passing of the Peace:

Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Third Reading: *The Trial of Jesus & Peter's Denial* Luke 22:54-71

Music Ministry "Near the Cross" solo – Justin Dimbeng

Fourth Reading: *Jesus Before Pilate* Luke 23:1-5,13-25

*Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #167

WE COMMUNE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Fifth Reading: *Jesus' Crucifixion* Luke 23:26-43

*Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"(vv.1-3) #161

Meditation

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S PASSION

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sixth Reading: *Jesus' Death and Burial* Luke 23:44-56

*Closing Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #168

Stripping of the Sanctuary (See Back Cover)



