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MAUNDY THURSDAY A Service of Holy Communion

Tonight we gather to commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his friends on the night before he died. The word Maundy means command, and refers to the commandment Jesus gives us to love one another. As we gather, we invite you to pray.

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Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin

April 14, 2022

7:00pm

PRELUDE *Jesus, Remember Me*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation,
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.
Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to live into your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN: *#221 O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

11:23 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,

11:24 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."

11:25 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."

11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory,
The whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: #518 *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)*

BENEDICTION

HYMNS

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown.

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.

Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior, 'tis I deserve thy place.

Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,

Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

“Your Only Son” (Lamb of God)

1. Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God

(Refrain)

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.

Oh wash me in His precious Blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

2. Your gift of love we crucified, we laughed and scorned Him as he died.

The humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)