



*“I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.”*

John 13:34

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 6, 2023 7:00 pm

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PRELUDE..... Verlene Thorp

CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Chris Davis

One: One who loves us to the end has invited us here. We are guests at the table of Jesus Christ.

People: We come to this memorial feast in gratitude; we honor Christ's invitation above all others.

One: At this table, we know cleansing and forgiveness. We are empowered here to live as Christ's followers.

People: We are awed that our Savior has chosen us; we are embarrassed that Christ would wash our feet.

One: Through the broken bread and the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ offers us.

People: We reach out for the gifts that Jesus offers; we seek to pass them on in his name.

HYMN NO. 97 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill 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.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EPISTLE.....Patti Dolezal
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

CHORAL MEDITATION “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Dixon
Sanctuary Choir Men, directed by Rich Dixon

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
John 13:1-17, 34b-35

MEDITATION IN WORD

THE RITUAL OF HANDWASHING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 102 “Were You There”

A READING OF PSALM 22 AND STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

There is no benediction, no postlude.

Thus, the continuity of Maundy Thursday with Good Friday and Easter is affirmed. It is all an extended service—the darkness of Maundy Thursday, the solemnity of Good Friday, the joy of Easter.

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