



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Jesus says, *“Little Children, I am with you only a little longer.”*

While we gather in our homes, we come together to draw near to our Lord, to dwell in the gathering darkness, to remember and to grieve.

Jesus says, *“Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”*

We come together to feast at the table of grace, to kneel at the feet of our friends, to learn the way of sacrifice and service.

Jesus’ hour has come to depart from this world.

The hour has come for us, as well... to wait, to watch, to pray.

Let us worship the One who loves us to the end.

OPENING HYMN

“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**

**O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tonight we sit at table with Judas, who betrays Jesus with a kiss. We sit with Peter, who—three times—denied our Lord. We sit with the other disciples, who failed to keep watch and pray. We are not so different from the twelve. For we, too, have turned from Christ when the demands of faith seemed too great.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Jesus asks, “Do you know what I have done for you?” And the answer is, ‘yes, Lord, we know.’ We know you have risen from the table to kneel at our feet. We know you have taught us the way of sacrifice and service. We know you have given us a new commandment to “Love one another, as I have loved you.”

Yes, Lord, we know. But we often forget. We forget authentic discipleship means caring for others with a servant’s heart—those who have been cast aside, those who feel unworthy of love, those we deem undeserving of grace. For our forgetfulness; for our fearfulness; for our faithlessness; forgive us Lord. Forgive us. Break open our hearts and fill us with your steadfast love, so we might pour ourselves out in service to your beloved children.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS¹

You are invited to take a pitcher containing water, hold your hands over a bowl, pour slowly, and listen to these words of grace...

Like water poured over dusty feet, or trembling hands, like wine flowing in the cup of salvation, God's grace washes over us. For Christ loves us fully. Christ loves us completely. Christ loves us to the end. Thanks be to God!

OUR SUNG RESPONSE

"You are the Lord"

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Amen and Amen!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A UNISON READING OF AFFIRMATION

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

... ¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-38

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

EVENING MEDITATION

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...ALL IN JESUS' NAME

HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to, let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

OUR PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING²

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and Praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery.
You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God.
You fed us manna in the wilderness.**

When we forgot your covenant you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways. You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness. Therefore we praise you and give you thanks on this holiest of holy nights.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands.

He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin.

He who is free takes our place in death's prison.

He who is risen leads us to eternal life.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION²

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service. As Jesus gave his life for our, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above**

**Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one, our comforts and our cares**

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear**

**From sorrow toil and pain and sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign, through all eternity**

BENEDICTION

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Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Ed (Terri H)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry/Dawn)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Sushma B
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Chuck C
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Ricky G (Sue/Joe's nephew)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)

Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Jim/Cheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff's father)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
John R
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve
**Our World which is spinning with the
tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic**