



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## APRIL 6, 2023

### 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Art by Stan L'Hoste

## GATHERING

VOLUNTARY AND WELCOME

Chris Currie

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*HYMN 215

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**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.**

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE HYMN 551

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Exodus 12:1-14

ANTHEM

"On a March Day"

Burchard/Teasdale

Here in the teeth of this triumphant wind that shakes the naked shadows on the ground,  
making a keyboard of the earth to strike from clattering tree and hedge a sep'rate sound,  
bear witness for me that I loved my life, all things that hurt me and all things healed,  
and that I swore it this day in March, here at the edge of this new broken field.

You only knew me, tell them I was glad for ev'ry hour since my hour of birth,  
and that I ceased to fear, as once I feared, the last complete reunion with the earth.

The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

Chris Currie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from "The Presbyterian Study Catechism"*)

What do you affirm when you say that Jesus 'suffered under Pontius Pilate'?

**First, that our Lord was rejected and abused by the authorities of that time, both religious and political.**

**Second, and even more importantly, that he submitted to condemnation by an earthly judge so that we might be acquitted before our heavenly Judge.**

What do you affirm when you say that Jesus was 'crucified, dead, and buried'?

**From Christ's lonely and terrible death, we learn that there is no sorrow he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.**

\*HYMN 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, page 35*)

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...When we forgot your covenant you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways.

(cont.)

Sung Response: Hymn 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

You are holy, O God of Majesty ...

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Sung Response: Hymn 553

“Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen”

LAND OF REST

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

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

Sung Response: Hymn 554

“Amen”

LAND OF REST

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Anthem

“The Ballad of the Judas Tree”

Lloyd/Etchells

In Hell there grew a Judas tree where Judas hang'd and died,  
because he could not bear to see his master crucified.  
The Lord descended into Hell and found his Judas there,  
forever hanging on the tree grown from his own despair.  
So Jesus cut his Judas down and took him in his arm;  
it was for this I came, he said, and not to do you harm.  
My father gave me twelve good men, and all of them I've kept,  
tho' one betray'd and one denied, some fled and others slept.  
In three days' time I must return to make the others glad,  
but first I had to come to Hell and share the death you had.  
My tree will grow in place of yours, its roots strike her as well:  
There is no final victory, without this soul from Hell.  
So when we all condemn him, as of ev'ry traitor worst,  
remember that of all his men our Lord forgave him first.

The Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

PSALM 22

Judith Halverson

There is no benediction.

Please depart in silence.

The service continues on Good Friday at 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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\*Please stand as you are able



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“Baking Bread as a Faith Practice” class on Tuesday night.