

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

See the sacraments. Share in God's sacrifice for us.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

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

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

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

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.

Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1,2 & 3

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**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.

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

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*SONG OF FAITH

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG

What Wondrous Love is This

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Lamm Gottes (Lamb of God)

J.S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SONG

Ah, Holy Jesus

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STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

As the sanctuary is stripped, the congregation shall speak the words of Psalm 22 responsively.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;

they have pierced my hands and feet—

I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Depart in silence

*Please rise in body and spirit.

