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Order for Worship
Thursday in Holy Week
Commonly Called Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept – Billings

OPENING SENTENCES & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 eternally.

HYMN – “What Wondrous Love Is This”

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

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. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “What Wondrous Love Is This” (v. 3)

**And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for your Word,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life.
Through Jesus Christ, who is the true bread of heaven. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 12:1-14

SECOND LESSON – I Corinthians 11:23-26

HYMN – “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.**

**We have to walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.**

**You must go and stand your trial, you must stand it by yourself;
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you must stand it by yourself.**

THIRD LESSON – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

HOMILY – The Rev. Lorenz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & the LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION – “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

**For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You Keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER or HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs of angels
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 He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord God, we gather this night in a new and different way,
and yet we still share the meal that Jesus gave His disciples so long ago.
We are not together physically as a congregation,
and we are not inside the thick stone walls of our familiar sanctuary,
but we are safe inside our homes,
and we are bound together by the love of Jesus Christ.
Continue to bind us together, O Lord, even though we are apart,
enable us to find new and innovative ways to be connected,
and remind us always of our unity as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

HYMN – “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE – *Jesu Meine Freude* – Walther



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tonight's Worship Service Participants are:
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Bill Beck, Worship Assistant
Arthur Thompson, Organ
Steve Walker, Vocal
Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh; Rick Line; Fred Seltzer: Ushers
Joe Shane, Camera