

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 2016

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

Arr. Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)

Dr. Laura S. Sugg

This is an evening to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember the new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember Jesus' night praying while others slept.

We remember the arrest and trial, the betrayal and denial.

We remember his loneliness.

This we do in remembrance of Jesus.

This we remember and it changes what we do.

We seek to be faithful to this story; we do not let it pass.

*HYMN

Lord, We Have Come

No. 516

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (be seated)

Let us pray...

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour

as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago.

We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.

We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits.

**Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need
and of your sufficiency.**

Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness.

Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service

and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving.

**As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us
in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer.**

(A time for silent prayer)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

from *Glory to God* No. 437

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:34-35

pgs. 102-3

ANTHEM

Come to the Table

Joseph M. Martin

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 11:23-26

pg. 165

REFLECTION FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF SILENCE

Laura Sugg

HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

No. 505

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg. 16

(Please pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you 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.

You are holy, O God of majesty...

that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death,

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The people are invited to come forward to receive the elements by intinction.

Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup.

A spoken response can be "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week
when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,
help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble,
to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow when you die,
so that when you are raised to life again
we may share your endless joy. Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

TENEBRAE

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 26 and 27, selected verses

[We will sing *Stay with Me* after each part of the passion story. After each reading,
one candle will be extinguished until only the Christ candle remains.]

HYMN (remain seated)

Stay with Me

Sing the Faith No. 2198

All depart in silence.

Many thanks to the Worship Committee, staff, and choir for their extra efforts
for this special service.

A note about the service: Tonight we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with
his disciples and the beginning of our sacrament, the Lord's Supper. We will also have a Tenebrae
Service. The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for shadows or darkness. We remember the betrayal and
abandonment Jesus experienced by extinguishing candles leading to near darkness in the sanctuary.

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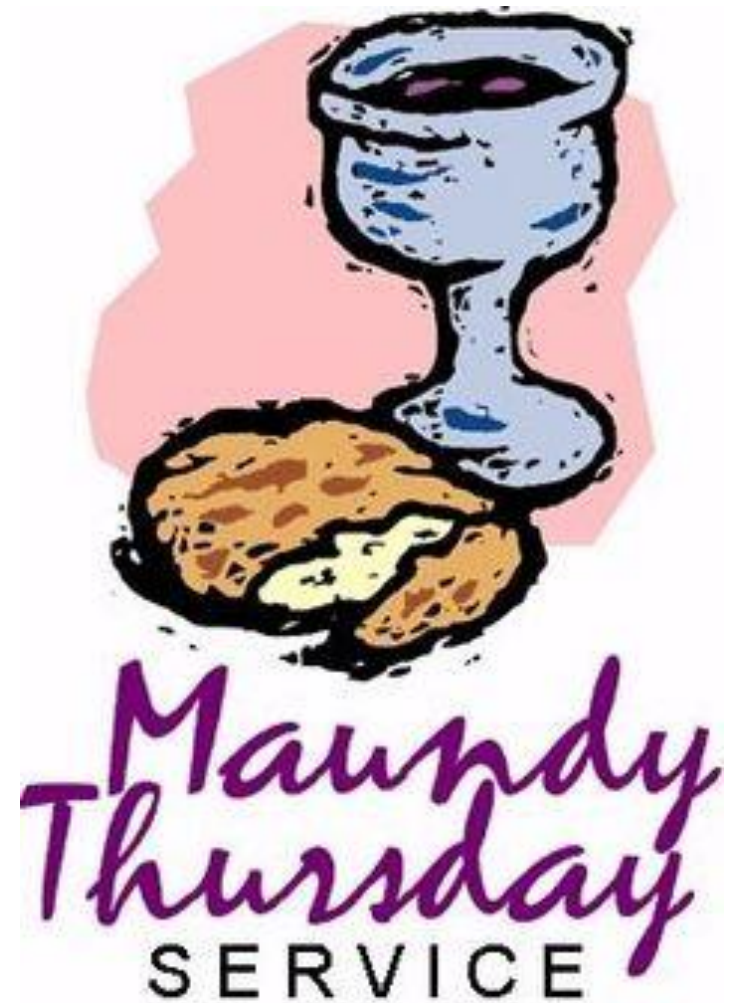
Organist: Julie Pulliam

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Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Communion Servers: Caroline Clovesko, Jo Ann Flores, and Maxine Foster



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