

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE *Were You There* Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION[^]

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Come With Power* 26

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{^^} (Unison)

O God, you rule the world from end to end and for all time. You alone are God. In you alone we hope. Forgive our sins. Heal our diseases. Save our lives from destruction. We repent of our stubbornness and pride. We desire to yield ourselves more fully to your will. Keep us in your presence that we might serve and witness in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS^{^^}

Leader: Because of God's great love for you and God's rich mercy for all, you are fully forgiven.

People: We will live as those who are truly loved and truly forgiven through the gift of God's grace.

HYMN *Amazing Grace* vs. 1, 2 143

THE TOWEL AND BASIN

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-17

MEDITATION *One Who Cares About Feet*

HYMN *When we Walk With the Lord* 544
(v. 1, 2, 4)

MEDITATION ON THE AGAPE MEAL

READING Matthew 14:13-21

MEDITATION *You Give Them Something to Eat!*

SPECIAL MUSIC *View From the Upper Room* Martin, Courtney

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PUPPET MINISTRY *Remember Me* Hands 4 Him

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

SHARING THE BREAD

Prayer of Blessing

Let us speak together the words of faith:

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

SHARING THE CUP

Prayer of Blessing

Let us speak together the words of faith:

The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

DEPARTING

SENDING OUT^{^^^}

*HYMN *Move in Our Midst* 418

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *See Us, Lord, About Thy Altar* Callahan

Works Cited

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^{^^}*Hymnal A Worship Book*, Worship Resources, #692, and #706.

^{^^^}*For All Who Minister, A Worship Manual for the Church of the Brethren*. P. 219. Brethren Press. 1993.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17 (NRSV)*

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table,^u took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,^u but is entirely clean. And you^u are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants^u are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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