

Maundy Thursday Worship Order
First Communion/Communion
Foot Washing & Hand Washing
Twelve Disciples
Stripping of the Altar
April 6, 2023
7:30 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Glory be to Jesus – Peter Hurford

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Please kneel or be seated for the confession.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

HYMN ELW 359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

At the beginning of the gospel:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the gospel:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

FOOTWASHING AND HANDWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet and hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

During the hymn, you are invited to come forward to have either your feet or hands washed.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 358 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

At that first Eucharist - William H. Monk

St. John's Choir

OFFERTORY ELW 461 All who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts...through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God to receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.
We come, hungry and thirsty for God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION ELW 515 Break Now the Bread of Life

TABLE BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus...for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane vs. 1-3

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped as Psalm 22 is read.

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

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Vikki – please list the following names of the men portraying the disciples:

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