



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Samuel Barber

WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

All: This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

One: This is the night that Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice

All: And be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in glory.

† **HYMN 223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving and Eternal God, you come to us in full humanity, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you.

We are a people longing for salvation, but choosing destruction.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us.

What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us?

As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others.

As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world.

As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation.

We pray in the wounded name of Jesus, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (*page 564 in Bible*)

ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus W. A. Mozart
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 11:23-26 (*page 173 in Bible*) Franklyn C. Pottorff

SERMON *Heard for Acres* Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 218 Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Agnes W. Norfleet

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ubi Caritas Maurice Duruflé
Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, returning by the side aisle.

Gluten free bread is on the table between the servers.

If you are unable to come forward, servers will come to your pew.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Holy God, we have feasted in memory of the night Jesus was betrayed and in the confidence that we will feast again with him in glory. We give you thanks for the gift of this meal, shared among friends. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' life, his body broken for us. Give us grace to bear the fruit of your vine that the world might have life in his name. Amen.

† HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The stripping of the church along with the reading of Psalm 22 is a practice that dates from the seventh century as a vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane.

The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

BULLETIN COVER

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