

Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Order of Worship

April 6, 2023

WELCOME to this special service, commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his most beloved disciples. Ours is an open communion, so we invite all who seek Christ to feel welcome in joining us in this Sacrament, for God's gift to us in Jesus Christ was given for all.

❖ please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.**

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said:

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.

**Just as Christ has loved us,
let us love one another.**

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN** no. 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (time for silent confession) Amen.

RESPONSIVE KYRIE ELEISON no. 575 (Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us) (Sung twice)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE

Christ's invitation to the table is always offered, "Come and eat." Love one another as Christ loves you. The events of these days display God's deep and abiding love for each of us. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and live in peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Please remain seated and greet one another with expressions of Christ's peace.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-17, 31b-35

REFLECTION Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin

❖ **HYMN** no. 202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

no. 516 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

When I fall down, you pick me up

When I am dry, you fill my cup

You are my all in all

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no. 227 *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom...

Prayer after Communion

Who is he?

On Sunday he was everything—the center of the parade, the center of our attention. His arrival was holy and unexpected and beautiful.

Who is he?

On Monday he turned the world upside down. He flipped the tables while he flipped the script. I've never seen anything like it before.

Who is he?

On Tuesday he was a teacher. But he wasn't like the other teachers. He sat and they sat. He spoke and they listened.

Who is he?

On Wednesday he pulled me from the wilderness. He gave me the gift of new life, so I gave him all that I had. People may have stared and talked, but newness does that to people.

Who is he?

On Wednesday he was nothing more than a man worth thirty pieces of silver.

Who is he?

On Thursday he was the body broken for us, the blood shed for us.

Who is he?

On Thursday he was betrayed. He was arrested. He was treated like a convict. On Thursday he was alone, and I was asleep.

Who is he?

It's the question everyone is asking.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

This night we celebrate Jesus' startling act of astonishing servitude; this night we celebrate his bittersweet last meal of aching closeness.

This night we end the service looking toward tomorrow, toward a hill outside Jerusalem...to a cross...to death.

Following communion, please sit in quiet contemplation while the sanctuary is stripped of all adornment, then depart in silence.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *The Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)*.

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