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**Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 PM Service**

**April 6, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Song of Preparation: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” Red Hymnal #461**

*(Please rise as you are able.)*

**Confession:**

P In 1<sup>st</sup> John, chapter 1, verses 8-9, we are told that no one is without sin, and we are to confess our sins to God. In our tradition we practice corporate confession. At the beginning of each service, there is a time of silence for each individual to confess particular sins that may weigh heavy on one's heart. We also provide the opportunity for individuals to come to the church to meet with the Pastor for private confession. It is important for us to remember that we are called to confess our sins and believe that God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is his promise.

**C We realize that no matter how hard we try, at times and in certain places we fail to be Christ like. Our sin keeps us from revealing what God has done for us in our baptism and for us upon the cross. We forget God and the lessons he has given us to follow. We fail to love our neighbors as he loved us. We ask, gracious God, that you forgive us. For the things we know we have done and the things we do to ourselves and others unknowingly, forgive us. Lead us so that we might begin to understand what abundant life means. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority given from scripture, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.** *(You may be seated.)*

**Lessons:** Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each

household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**<sup>2</sup>Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of those faithful to him.**

<sup>16</sup>Truly I am your servant, LORD; I am your servant, as was my mother before me; you have loosed my bonds of affliction.

**<sup>17</sup>I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the LORD – in your midst, Jerusalem.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as

you drink it, in remembrance of me.”<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

John 13:1-17 & 31b-35 *(Please stand as your are comfortable.)*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup>After 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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” <sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” *(Please be seated.)*

The Message

Pastor Alan Kethan

Hymn: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Red Hymnal #347 (verses 1-3)

Offering

**Remembering and Receiving the Lord's Supper** *(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

P This being Maundy Thursday, we first recognize that Maundy is the English form of the Latin word, commandment. Remembering the night Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment at the last supper, “*To Love one another, even as I have loved you*”. On this occasion we remember the origin of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations. In power and great glory you rescued Israel your chosen from the oppression of Pharaoh; you shielded your people from the angel of death; delivered them out of the hands of their pursuers and, by fire and cloud, led them through the sea out of despair and slavery into freedom and the land you had promised. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks and said: “Blessed are you, O Lord God, ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.” And he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.** Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks and said: “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us the fruit of the vine.” And he gave it for all to drink, saying: **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.** Therefore we give you thanks for Christ our Passover Lamb who by his life and death has delivered us from our captivity to sin, whose blood shields us from the angel of death, who leads us into the fullness of your promises, and who now spreads his Passover meal before us. Send now your Holy Spirit that we, who gather at his table, may be filled with his blessing and grace and, by your mercy, may enter into the fullness of your kingdom and with all your people share the feast that has no end. Blessed are you, O Lord our God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ruler of the universe all praise and glory are yours now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C 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.**

