

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116:12-13

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ; the same Christ, who washes our feet in humble service.

**Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us,
So that everyone will know that we are his disciples;
Through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" 202

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

ANTHEM "Think on Me" Charles N. Smith

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

SERMON: Commandments

FOOTWASHING

When you come forward for the footwashing, leave your shoes and socks behind, bring your towel, and take a seat at one of the basins. Extend one foot and then the other over the basin (but not in the water) while the person who is washing pours water over your feet. The one who is washing will dry your feet with a towel. Then it is your turn to wash the next person's feet. Pour the water slowly and prayerfully over one foot, then the other; dry the person's feet gently with your own towel. You may wish to say: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Isa. 52, Rom. 10).

HYMN "Love One Another" Insert
(To be sung during the foot washing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

At this time I invite you to speak your prayers aloud. As each person finishes I will say "Lord, in your mercy," and we will all respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Instructions for communion: When you approach the table, cup one palm under the other and extend your open hands to receive the bread from the server. The server will place the bread in your hands; then you may dip it into the cup and eat. As you receive these gifts of grace and signs of love, appropriate words of response are, "Thanks be to God" and "Amen."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

"This is the Night"

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STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

While the final hymn is sung, communion elements, linens, banners, and other symbols are removed from the sanctuary. The congregation is invited to think of Jesus, who on the night of his betrayal laid aside his woven tunic and tied a towel around his waist. He stripped for service. Another Gospel tells us that later "they stripped him" for mockery and death. The altar stands for Jesus. The altar also stands for those from whom something or someone is being taken away. It stands for us and our journey with Christ on this Holy Week.

All are invited to depart in silence.



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