

are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Having loved us who were in the world;

Jesus loved us to the end.

Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally;

In gratitude for the grace given to us and as witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved. Now love one another with that same love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives.

And in seeing, may we understand; in understanding, may we do all that you command of us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

ANTHEM

"Can You Drink the Cup?"

Craig Courtney

GOSPEL READING – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

"Just as I have loved you..."

HYMN

"In This Room, a Towel and Basin"

Insert

(The congregation is invited to sing this hymn continuously, hum, or reflect on the lyrics as the footwashing is happening.)

FOOTWASHING

When you come forward for the footwashing, leave your shoes and socks behind, walk forward, 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. Hold and help support the person's foot over the basin of water. Pour the water slowly and prayerfully over one foot, then the other; dry the person's feet gently. You may wish to say: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Isa. 52, Rom. 10).

THE 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 illness, 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

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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.”

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 act of stripping the church reflects the last few days of Jesus' life. It 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.

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK
MARCH 30, 12PM AND 7PM: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL**

**EASTER MORNING, SUNDAY, APRIL 1:
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE, CHOIR, BELLS, BRASS ENSEMBLE,
ORGAN AND “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” FROM HANDEL’S MESSIAH**

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