MAUNDY THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

Prelude: mix list

Welcome

Call to Worship **🕆**

Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,
the tired and aching, who long for the nourishment
Found at your feast.
**Gather us in,**
the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company
Found at your feast.
**Gather us in,**
the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior,
the never inferior, who long for the leveling
Found at your feast.
**Gather us in,**
the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys
Found at your feast.
**Gather us in,**
from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression,
from untold excesses, from treasured successes,
to meet, to greet, be offered a seat,
be joined to the vine, be offered new wine,
to become like the least to be found at the feast.
**Gather us in!**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*🕆

Narrator – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Peter – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Voice – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Judas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reading

**Narrator: The Lord is my shepherd…**

**Jesus: I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep and my sheep know me; and I am willing to lay down my life for them.**

**Narrator: He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me to water where I may rest.**

**Peter: Jesus, never at any time are you going to wash my feet!**

**Jesus: Peter, if I don’t wash your feet, you will no longer be my disciple.**

**Peter: Then don’t just wash my feet, Lord; wash my head and hands as well.**

Washing*(everyone is invited to go to the nearest basin to have their hands washed.)*

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." – John 13:8

Down to the River to Pray” by Alison Kraus

Reading

**Narrator: For his name’s sake, he guides me in the right paths.**

**Jesus: I am the way the truth and the life**

Table candles are lit

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

Reading

**Narrator: Even if I were to walk through a valley of deepest darkness…**

**Voice: Golgotha**

**Narrator: Even if I were to walk to walk through a valley…**

**Voice: Gethsemane.**

**Narrator: Even if I were to walk…**

**Voice: They stripped him and whipped him and spat upon him and hit him over the head and led him out…**

**Jesus: I will fear no harm, for you are with me; your staff and cane strengthen me.**

**Narrator: You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

*Lord’s Supper*

Communion prayer

 God be with you,

 **And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts:

 **We lift them up to God.**

 Let us thank God:

 **It is good to thank God.**

Thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountains or if we make the grave our beds, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not death, was the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world. And now as your sons and daughters whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**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.**

Distribution of the bread

 “Come to the Feast” by Christopher Grundy

Potluck

You are invited to join in the fellowship and food of the potluck feast!

Reading

**Narrator: You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

**Jesus: One of you is going to betray me.**

**Peter: Lord, is it me?**

Confession *(take the moments of silence to confess to God and accept God’s grace)*

And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" – Mark 14:18-19

**Judas: Lord, is it me?**

**Jesus: Do what you have to do, Judas. But do it quickly.**

**Narrator: You have richly bathed my head with oil and my cup runs over.**

**Jesus: Father, take away this cup of suffering from me. It is possible for you to do that. Nevertheless, let it be not what I want, but what you want.**

Distribution of the cup

 “Fix You” Cold Play

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice to be your servants in the world. Amen.**

*Responding to God’s Grace*

Reading

**Narrator: you have richly bathed my head with oil.**

**Judas: It’s a waste! It could have been sold for a fortune, and the money given to the poor.**

**Jesus: You’ll always have the poor with me. What this woman has done was to prepare me for my burial, a head of time. She has done something fine and beautiful.**

Offering *(everyone is invited to bring their fine and beautiful gifts forward)*

 “Just as I am” Johnny Cash

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving Jesus, take these, our gifts of love, in deep gratitude for showing us how to love, teaching us how to live and forgiving us when we forget. Amen.**

Reading

**Narrator: Goodness and unfailing love…these will follow me all the days of my life.**

**Peter: Lord, where are you going?**

**Jesus: Where I am going, you cannot, for now, come. But one day you will.**

**Narrator: And I shall life in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**Jesus: In my Father’s house are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come back and take you there myself, so that where I am, you may be also.**

Benediction

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

“Jesus is Just Alright with Me” by the Doobie Bros

As you depart, take with you the love of Christ, the fellowship of the church and take an hour between now and Easter Sunday to “watch” with Christ- to reflect on his ministry and how it has made a change in your life.

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." – Matthew 26:40-41

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