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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Martha Starling

PRELUDE Beth Maier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny Keefe

GREETING Jenny Keefe

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

C: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

All: Thanks, be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER Jenny Keefe

O God, by the example of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, you taught us the greatness of true humility, and call us to watch with him in his passion. Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness, and to enter the fellowship of his suffering; in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**

*PSALTER NO. 837 (Response 2) Psalm 116: 1-4 & 12-19 Jenny Keefe

*HYMN NO. 292 "What Wonderous Love Is This?" WONDROUS LOVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

- P: My sisters and brothers, Christ showed us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.
- C: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: Who can condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news; in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Songs of Calvary" by Richard D. Baker and George Bennard Choir

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know. Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow. Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Debra

SCRIPTURE READING John 13: 1-17 & 31b-35

HOMILY Blessed Regardless

*HYMN NO. 617 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Drawn from the world, we have come to open our hearts to God, to hear God's Word, and to respond in love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You spared your people with the blood of lambs smeared on their doorposts on the Passover. And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your holy name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Christ Jesus. Taking the form of a servant he taught what is meant to serve by washing his disciple's feet. He was betrayed and handed over to the authorities. He is our Passover Lamb. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Christ Jesus we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, and showing love to one another so that all will know we are his disciples. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through your Son Christ Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

The body of Christ, broken for you Amen
The blood of Christ, shed for you Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We submit ourselves to you, O God. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 288 "Were You There?" WERE YOU THERE

The altar will be stripped during this hymn as we remember the sacrifice of love Jesus made for us all.

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace to serve God and neighbor. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient, even unto death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. **AMEN!**

Please leave in silence in the church and parking lot with respect and honor to our Lord Jesus who gave his very life that we might live.

*POSTLUDE Beth Maier

¹Lift Up Your Hearts – Year A, OSL Publications, Akron, Ohio, 1999 adapted by D. Armstrong

*If you are able, please stand.

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please leave the page in the attendance pad and it will be picked up at a later time.

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