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**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**March 28, 2024**  
7:00 p.m. Worship

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## Order of Worship

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

*The order of service is backwards from what many of us are used to. This order follows the experience of the disciples and invites us into an unsettled time.*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**People: A story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.**

Leader: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the world began:

**People: A story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life**

Leader: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

**People: We draw near once more to Christ.**

### \*Hymn 221

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

### \*Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, always and everywhere to give thanks.

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (#552)**

### Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayers**

### The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Now let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us saying:

**People: 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Receiving of the Bread and Cup

(Come forward as you are able. Otherwise the elements will be brought to you).

### Hymn 227

*Jesus Remember Me*

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: God, your faithfulness to us is so great, that we cannot help but fall short. Yet still we confess our sins, out of the hope you yourself gave us: that you still set us a place for us at the banquet of grace feed us with forgiveness and mercy, no matter what we have done, no matter what we may yet do. And so tonight, we confess, and we put our trust in you.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak...when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-17; N. T. pg. 107

### **Homily**

*Kenosis*

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

### **Hymn 228**

*Were You There* (vs 1, 2, 5)

### **Psalm 22: 1-21; O.T. pg. 500**

Rev. Dr. Wylie Hughes

Rev. Allyn Foster

*As the chancel and table are stripped of their furnishings, the words of  
Psalm 22 are read*

### **\*Benediction**

*Congregation follows the pastor as we depart in silence*

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Good Friday, March 29**

Community Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.  
at Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services  
No education classes