

**April 6, 2023** **MAUNDY THURSDAY** **7:00 p.m.**

**PRELUDE**                      “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”                      Marty Haugen

Leader: This is a night to remember, the night when Jesus was betrayed.  
Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

Leader: Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

Leader: Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

**ALL:** We remember this night and thank God, even in the hours of darkness,  
for Jesus' presence with us.

Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. More than that, you adopted the role of slave, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely. As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

**HYMN #655** "Come Away From Rush and Hurry"

**GOSPEL LESSON**                      John 13:1-17, 31-35                      (video)

**SPECIAL VIDEO**      “In Remembrance of Me”

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

**HYMN #261** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*Stripping of the altar

*The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Designated persons pick up the cloths on the Lord's table and the pulpit and other hangings, banners, candlesticks, and decorations and quietly carry them from the sanctuary. This may be done in silence. The church then remains bare until the Easter Sunrise, when the process is reversed.*

***There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please leave the sanctuary silently.***

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