

Service of Divine Worship

Maundy Thursday, Communion

March 28, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

God of all worlds, whose intent for humanity on this tiny planet was lived out in Jesus of Nazareth, teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to learn from Jesus as disciples devoted to ministries of caring. Fill us with compassion for all who suffer, that our responses to them may become ever more Christlike. Amen.¹

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
Resurrection Ringers

Williams

***Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

How shall we repay you, Lord, for all your goodness to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

We are your servants, Lord, help us to celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Help us to fulfill all you intend for us as members of the community of God.²

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #78:** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We despise and reject your servant, like a lamb led to the slaughter. We betray and deny our Lord, the one you sent to save us. Forgive us, God of grace. Even in this hour of anguish show us the light of your salvation and lead us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.³

Silent Personal Prayer

Assurance of Pardon:

Listen, the time has come at last.

Look, now is the day of salvation!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.³

***Song of Joy, Hymn #82, verse 1:** *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

**O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

*** The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ
with your brothers and sisters.*

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer For Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.⁴

Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:32-42

Ministry of Music: *O Hope of the World*

Lloyd Larson

Heritage Choir & Alana Plessinger, flute

Sermon: *Keep Awake*

Reverend Kevin Stainton

***Hymn #97:** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional

*The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God....

The Bread—*"This is my body broken for you."*

Please partake of the bread individually as you are served.

The Cup—*"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood."*

Please hold the cup until all are served.

Prayer

* Hymn #98: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Psalm 22:1-21a

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Leader:....*prepared a cross for your Savior.*

People: Lord have mercy.

Stripping of the Sanctuary

All Depart in Silence

**Those who are able may stand.*

Heritage Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship



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