

Holy Thursday

*Call to Worship

What shall I return to the Lord for all this bounty to me?

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord,

In your midst, O Jerusalem.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 116:12, 14-19)

***Opening Song** "What Wondrous Love is This?" (vs. 1-2) #292

Prayer

Gospel Reading Luke 22: 7-23

Confession and Pardon

Servant Jesus, you taught us by your example how to love and serve others. Forgive our grasping at authority and free us that we may be content in serving you and loving your children. In the name of the one who sent you, the Source of Love. Amen.

By the life and death of Jesus we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus ate with his disciples even knowing one would betray, another deny, and many desert him. This meal is open to all of us as healing for our souls.

Great Thanksgiving

On this night, we gather as the Hebrew people gathered in exile to share the Lamb and celebrate your passing over them in mercy. On this night, we gather amazed and humbled to have the dust of our souls washed by the servant Messiah. We pause in our hurried lives to ask:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused Christ to lay aside his life for my soul?**

We pass on tonight to children and strangers what we have received from you, Lord Jesus: Who on the night you left us took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me," Who took the cup and said, "This is my life for you, share in its newness and remember me." And so, we remember:

How you came to us, poor and vulnerable, how you taught us by story and example, how you fed us on hillside and seashore.

As we remember you, pour out yourself again to us and by your Holy Spirit make us living remembrances of your great love and life. Fill us with a new understanding of love among all your children that others may see our witness and draw close to you.

Merciful Deliverer, Humble Servant, Love Among Us, and Holy Trinity, we give you praise and thanks. Amen.

Song of Reflection "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #184

Prayer

Giving God, as you came in flesh to live among us and show us how to live:

We remember you in this meal as our Maker, Teacher, Healer, Feeder, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Thank you for giving yourself to us so fully in love for us.

Help us to understand your great love for us, that we may have full assurance of your pardon and grace.

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Thank you for pouring out your new covenant through your blood.

Help us to live into the promises of that covenant, as free and joyful persons, sharing your love in the world.

Bless these elements of bread and cup, that they may bring us into your presence.

Bless us, so that we may live in the world as your children, forgiven and freed.

ALL: In the name of Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen

Holy Communion

Prayer after Receiving

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(based on PS 116:12, 14)

Gospel Reading

Luke 23: 32-49

Final Song

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #298

After the final song, you may depart the sanctuary in silence as you are ready.

Parts of this service have been taken and adapted from the Just in Time series of worship aid books. Namely, Communion Services, and Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services both by Robin Knowles Wallace.



Holy Week Worship Opportunities:

Good Friday, April 19th:

12:00 pm Community Service

Crosspoint Church, 129 W. 6th Street

Sunday, April 21st, EASTER

6:30 am Sunrise Service

Gerald & Pam Campbell's

1347 Wagon Road

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

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