

Holy Thursday
“Images of Holy Week”

After the Palms

Gathering Music

†Call to Worship

Return to the Lord, God of all mercies, for a feast of love has been prepared for God’s own.

I will bless the Lord at all times. God’s praise shall be continually in my mouth.

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Happy are they who take refuge in God.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

†Opening Song Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139 Vs. 1,5

On the Night of the Meal

Gospel Reading Matthew 26: 20-24

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to the table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another

Confession and Pardon

(unison) 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, deserted, 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.

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

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 “What Wondrous Love is This?” vs. 2-3 #292

Holy Communion

Prayer after Receiving

What shall we return to the Lord for all this bounty to us?

We will pay our 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.

Praise the Lord!

(based on PS 116:12, 14)

After the Meal

Gospel Reading

John 13:3-15

Message

In the Garden

Gospel Reading Mathew 26: 36-39

Judas' Decision

Gospel Reading Matthew 26:47-50

The Trial, Denial, and Sentence of Death

Gospel Reading Matthew 26:57–75

Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane #290 Vs. 1-2

Gospel Reading Matthew 27:1-2, 15-25.

Moment of Silence

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude



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