



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

March 28, 2024

7:00 pm

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

arr. Thomas Keesecker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You took on the form of a servant,

washing the feet of those whom you disciplined.

You defined humility and servanthood.

You are he who was surely sent from God.

Thank you for serving for us.

Teach us to be servants without fail;

to make humility our constant companion

and to seek no glory for ourselves.

Remind us when we forget. Amen.

*HYMN #503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God,

we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us.

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips
and then denied him by our actions; forgive us.

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady
and true to you in every time of trial.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

Please silence your cell phone.

*LAMB OF GOD

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Text: Trad. liturgical text Music: © Yusuf Khill (*Glory to God* No. 602)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heav'n above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

Text: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955
Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

*SHARING THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Pew Bible, pg. 564 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

arr. Robert J. Powell

SECOND LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pew Bible, pg. 107 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Rev. Brenna Dykman

*HYMN #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION The Servant Song arr. Jeffrey Honoré

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH Go to Dark Gethsemane arr. John A. Behnke

The stripping of the church has come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the Crucifixion. By the time of its conclusion, the church's chancel is transformed from being a place of holy worship in the midst of beauty, to what now appears quite like a tomb. In that transformation, we see a great truth: the joy we experience in our worship came at the cost of the death of the One we worship.

All depart in silence.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries



*Solomia Kazanivska,
Washing of the Feet, 2018*

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