

# Maundy Thursday Celebration of Worship

## ***We Gather to Remember***

Prelude:

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

**All: *In worship on this day, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ, and we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.***

Song of Worship: "What Wondrous Love is This" #215

Confession

One: We should examine ourselves before we eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)  
(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

**All: *The Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world.  
In Christ we are forgiven.  
And through him God truly abides with us.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!***

Greeting:

One: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

One: Let us now hear the words of tonight's story.

## ***We Listen for the Word***

Psalm 22: 1-11  
John 13: 1-17, 33-35

Meditation

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

## ***We Respond to the Word***

Song of Reflection: "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" #202

## ***We Celebrate the Lord's Supper***

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before the table?

**All: *We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.***

One: It is indeed right, our duty and our delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You made us in your own image and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name:

**All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

One: All glory and blessings are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

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## April 18, 2019

### St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

**All: Why do we eat bread at this table?**

One: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**All: Why do we drink from the cup at the table?**

One: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**All: What do we remember at this table?**

One: We remember God's gracious love for us; Christ's death and resurrection for us; and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death;  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with God and one another.

**All: Amen.**

Communion is served.

Stripping of the Table.

Anthem: "Invitation to the Cross" Choir

### We Depart, Remembering . . .

*Please leave the church in silence, or you may stay for private reflection.*

Easter Worship is at 10 am.  
Please bring fresh flowers to flower the cross.



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### **Psalm 22:1-11**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver--let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

### **John 13:1-17, 33-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he

loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me

Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."