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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Maundy Thursday Service for April 14, 2022 at 7 PM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Introit:**

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**C: our God is merciful.**

P: I love the LORD, because he has heard

**C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

**C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C: I suffered distress and anguish.**

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**C: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**C: our God is merciful.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Lord, we have all betrayed you with our sin. We come to You, now, in repentance and confess our sins.

*(A moment of silence to reflect and personally confess)*

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinners.  We have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your punishment.  For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful. He promises to forgive our sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving:**Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of man.
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows. Fair is the woodlands
Robed in the flow’rs of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer.
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

3. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of man.
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine!

**Gospel Reading -**Luke 22:14–23

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C:** Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Sermon Song:**Go To Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;

Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter hour;

Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;

O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!

Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.

**Message** “Maundy Thursday - The Eternal Passover That Jesus Desired to Eat”

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  Amen

**Words of Institution**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also, with you.
P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song:**Abide with Me (vs 1, 2, and 6)

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;

What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.