



Maundy Thursday
7 pm, April 16, 2014

Welcome *the Rev. Stephanie Shepard*

Call to Worship *the Rev. Kimiko Karpoff*

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Hymn: SGP #102 "In Loving Partnership"

Prayer

the Rev. Deb Hinksman

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 12.1-14

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Hymn: SGP #69 v.1-3 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Gospel: John 13.1-15

Hymn: SGP #69 v.4-5

Reflection *the Rev. Stephanie Shepard*

The Rite of Footwashing [shared leadership]

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore we invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for 'a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.'

Those present are invited to come forward and have their feet washed, and in turn to help others.

The Prayers of the People *the Rev. Deb Hinksman*

Absolution, Sharing of the Peace *the Rev. Kimiko Karpoff*

You are invited to turn and greet those around you as appropriate with a handshake, embrace, kiss, or smile.

Hymn: CP #386 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Prayer over the Gifts: said by all

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer *the Rev. Stephanie Shepard*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you...

...to proclaim the glory of your Name as we sing:

Sanctus: SGP # 97

Celebrant: We give thanks to you...

Therefore, Father, according to his command:

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice...

...now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer: said by all in the language of your choice

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ’s body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
Which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion

All who are drawn to God through Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. Please offer one hand for a wafer, two hands for bread. Ask if you would like a gluten free wafer or blessing.

Hymn: SGP #133 “Sister, Let me be Your Servant”

Prayer after Communion: said by all

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Stripping of the Sanctuary: Psalm 22

The lights are dimmed during the recitation of the psalm.

There is no dismissal.

You are invited to stay and pray or to leave in silence.

This service was jointly planned and celebrated by brothers and sisters from Anglican, Lutheran, and United Church traditions.