

THE PRELUDE

"Come Share the Lord"

Leech/Lucas

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed. Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose Life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

By the grace of God, we can.

Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

By the grace of God, we will.

Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

Greatly is God's name to be praised in all the earth!

INVOCATION W/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"In the Garden He Prayed"

Larson

Jim Gray

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

I am here.

Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

I am here.

Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

I am here.

The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our weakness and sin. We all come here as men and women who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and from our neighbor. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul. (silence). Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us. (silence). Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have been indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life. (silence)Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The wonder of God's amazing love is this, Christ's body is broken for you. The cup of the new covenant is poured out for many. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17

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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, ^[a] took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, ^[b] but is entirely clean. And you^[c] are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² 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. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ 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 [d] are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

DEVOTIONAL Rev. Christian Smith

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

- 1. Go the dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
- Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.
 O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
- 3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb, there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
 "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Sanborn