

“Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover” Mark 14:12



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
MARCH 28th, 2024
7:00 p.m. In Old Barns

THE GATHERING

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

MUSIC (VU #560) “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

PRAYER OF OPENING

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN (VU #132) “Bitter Was the Night”

THE LAST SUPPER

SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:21-27; Mark 14:12-25

HYMN (VU #458) “Christ, Let us Come with You”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made

and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us and set us among all your other

creatures, in a covenant of love, service and

interdependence.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace,

and to call us back to you.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through Moses you

led your people from bondage into freedom;

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give you thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

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!

Holy God, source of life and goodness,

all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you called your child Jesus,

to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,

the loving Creator of us all. Jesus freely healed the sick;

ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;

he opened our eyes and proclaimed the Good News of Your kingdom, in contrast to Rome's or Israel's empire. We remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus ate with his followers in the upper room. He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember my example." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the covenant with God, made in my blood." At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast... Those who are excluded because of difference... Those who live with poverty, oppression, or hunger . . . Those who non violently challenge the powerful elite... We pray for the church as the Risen Body of Christ for those who strive for peace with justice . . . for our families, friends and all those engaged in the struggle . Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith: In us **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again** Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be one: light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING AND SHARING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal and gracious One,
though we live in a world of need,
**here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**
Though afflicted by brokenness and division,
**here we have heard your call
to be a people of healing community.**
Though daily we touch our limits,
**here we have received
the fullness of your grace.**
Send us forth, O God,
in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

THE ARREST AND BETRAYAL

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:32-50

CHANCEL DRAMA – "There wasn't Much I could Do"

(Actors: Karen Archibald-Waugh, Anthony Waugh, Kent Loughead, Reg Henderson, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Lorne Burrows, and Barb Miller)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (with MV #78 "God Weeps")

SPECIAL MUSIC "In an Upper Room" Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig, Music by Don Besig, © 2003, Harold Flammer Music

HYMN (VU #133) "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED

**Please leave the service in silence.*