

# Welcome to Worship! | April 6, 2023 | Maundy Thursday

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

## **GATHERING**

Prelude Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

#### Welcome

# \*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the night when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him,

People: setting us free from sin and death forever.

Leader: This is the night when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to was the disciples' feet.

People: showing us how to love and serve one another.

Leader: This is the night when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers.

People: offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

ALL: Let us worship and remember.

# \*Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn No. 206 This Is the Night

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. In Jesus Christ, you have shown the depths of your love for us, and yet we do not love you fully or love one another as you have commanded us to do. In your mercy, forgive us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ, that we may know and receive your grace, again and again. As we come to you in silence, receive our confessions and assure us of your presence and forgiveness once more...silence

**Choir** *Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)* 

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*Sung Response No. 215 What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

#### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

## **WORD**

First Lesson *John 13:1-17; 31b-35* 

**Anthem** And Can It Be arr. Dan Forrest

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Sermon:** A shared meal, a shared love, a shared identity Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

\*Hymn No. 209 My Song Is Love Unknown

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

## **THANKSGIVING**

#### Communion

(All are invited to the Table of our Lord. The distribution of the elements will be shared by intinction, the dipping of bread into a common cup. The congregation will receive communion using the center aisle. Please return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available if preferred.)

\*Choral Invitation No. 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 2)

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Invitation to the Table

**Prayer over the Table** 

Words of Institution

**Sharing of Bread and Cup Together** 

**Communion Music** Communion Medley

**Closing Prayer** 

arr. Krug

# **SENDING**

\*Hymn No. 204 Stay with Me (Sung once by cantor, then three times by congregation)

\*Blessing

### Please depart in silence.

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### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns

Adult Choir Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant Lay reader, Zac Phelps