PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

Lord God, you are both host and servant at this meal and in our lives. Teach us, we pray, to follow your example of love, hospitality and service.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for your church, broken in many ways. We wait on your guidance and nourishment for our lives, for encouragement and strength for your mission.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for our leaders, responsible for shaping our common life, that they may lead us in ways of justice and peace.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who struggle to find food and shelter tonight, who hunger for peace, who ache for warmth and friendship. Heal broken hearts and spirits. Envelop the sick with your healing embrace. We pray for those who know the pain of betrayal. We give you those who die today. Bring them into your eternal embrace.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We follow you into the garden, into the unknown, teach us to trust the lessons of this night.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

The celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.