

\*Postlude

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## Preparation for Worship

Every time the church gathers for the Lord's Supper, it joyfully proclaims that, wonder of wonders, Jesus still chooses the same kind of sinful, disreputable dinner companions which once got him in so much trouble. Thank God.

--Bishop William Willimon

Focus Scripture

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

## Prelude

## \*Call to Worship

Jesus calls us to the feast.

***We come ready to join the disciples.***

Jesus calls us to join him in love and service.

***We come ready to wash the feet of our neighbors.***

Jesus shows us how to love one another.

***We come, ready to worship the God who calls us.***

\*Hymn                      *Jesu, Jesu*                      No. 432

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)

2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.

(Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

(Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

***We love you, Lord. But even in our love, we cry out in need. We cry out for strength in times of trial. We long for hope in times of despair. We yearn for mercy in the midst of our sin. Strengthen us, O God, and renew our hope. Grant your mercy. Feed us with the bread of forgiveness and the water of life, that we may courageously***

***face our lives and gladly accept your grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.***

Scripture                      John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily

Holy Communion

\*Hymn                      *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*                      No. 301

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

(Refrain)

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

(Refrain)

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

(Refrain)

\*Benediction

As we have been served and loved,

***we remember to serve and love.***

May the peace of Christ rest with you this evening.