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Community Maundy Thursday Service April 6, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m.

April 6, 2023

"May the Lord bless the people with peace."
In reverent silence, prepare your hearts and minds to worship God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In remembrance, we gather:

People: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

Leader: In remembrance, we worship:

People: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

Leader: In remembrance, we feast:

People: breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills

us with grace.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (My Savior's Love)

<u>Sing to the Lord Hymnal</u>

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UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them. Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

People: In remembrance, we go forth: to bring hope where despair resides; to be servants to those who are broken; to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:7-20 (NIV)

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you People: And also with you Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

Communion of the People (by intinction)

Prayer after Communion

Anthem during Communion "Thirty Pieces of Silver" John Carter

Jeremy LeRay, Baritone

Prayer after Communion

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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