

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break, and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

All this we pray in the name of your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgives us our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen. ”

Breaking of the bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 215:** “What Wondrous Love Is This”.....Folk Hymn

***Benediction**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".....Clephane

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

People: Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray: Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ—Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray.

Amen.

***Hymn 220:** "Go to Dark Gethsemane".....Redhead

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. In reverence and humility may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ our Son. Amen.

(A moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 227:** "Jesus, Remember Me" (sing twice).....Taize

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 13:1-17

Reflection: "Remember to Wash Feet"Rev. Audrey H. Reese

Anthem: "On His Knees"Mauldin

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth, and create the fruit of the vine. You made us into your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot you, and our faith was weak, you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to 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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands. He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison. In the deserts of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his body as manna for our weariness. The cup of suffering which he drank has become for us the cup of salvation. In his death, he ransomed us from death's dominion; in his resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life...