



April 1, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

### ***Call to Worship***

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us.

People: **We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Throughout the generations,

we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us:  
water for washing; the towel of service;

People: **the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant;  
proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again**

### ***Call to Service***

Leader: Jesus gives us an example and a commandment ever new:  
to love one another as he has loved us.

People: **This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,  
when we love one another as Christ has loved us.**

***Gathering Hymn - "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"***

*by Peter Scholtes*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

#### *Chorus*

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Chorus*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we guard human dignity and save human pride. *Chorus*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Chorus*

**Responsive Reading** - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my petitions.

**Because God inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call upon God as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

**I will offer to the Lord a thanksgiving sacrifice,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Scripture Reading** - Mark 14:1-2, 10-25

**Meditation** - “Water, Towel, Bread, Cup”

**Hymn** - “O Love Divine”

*by Charles Wesley*

O Love divine, what hast thou done! Th’immortal God hath died for me!

The Father’s coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.

Th’immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.

Believe, believe, the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus’ blood.

Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace!

Come sinners, see your Savior die, and say, “Was ever grief like his?”

Come, feel with me his blood applied. My Lord, my Love is crucified!

**Call to Confession**

Even among Jesus’ closest disciples, not all were clean.

On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint,  
deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.

Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge  
that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

**Prayer of Confession** - unison

**Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us.**

**We confess that we have not followed Christ’s example  
as fully or as often as we should.**

**We turn away from people in need.**

**True humility eludes us,  
and we hide our own vulnerability before others.  
You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us.  
We confess that we do not love so generously.  
Gathered on this Holy Thursday,  
we confess that we are capable of denying  
and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples.  
Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin;  
then guide our feet to walk with you always.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### ***Declaration of Forgiveness***

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world,  
Jesus loved them to the end.  
Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally.  
In gratitude for the grace given to us,  
and as a witness to our faith in Christ,  
we will love one another as Christ hath loved us.

### ***The Great Thanksgiving***

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God. Now and forever. AMEN!**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Breaking the Bread & Blessing the Cup*

*Sharing the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn - "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

*USA Folk Hymn*

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

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 life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free; I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*Stripping the Altar and Chancel*

*Go in Peace and Silence, Awaiting the Miracle of Easter*