



## The Worship of God April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday Evening Worship Six-thirty O'clock

Meditation: "Holy God, this week is immeasurably heavy as we remember the suffering you experienced. However, as we move through this heart-wrenching week, we find comfort in knowing that you are no stranger to tragedy. Like us, you know grief. Like us, you know pain and sorrow. So when grief, pain, and sorrow come knocking at our door, incline our ears toward you. Surely, you cry out with us. Amen."

-Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Prelude

"Prélude Modal" Music by Jean Langlais Will Cleveland

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Call to WorshipKathleen SneadLeader:A call to worship is a call to presence.People:We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.Leader:Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.People:With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space<br/>and our belonging in it.Leader:We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.People:We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death,<br/>and resurrection of Jesus Christ.\*Hymn 187"I Gaze Upon the Wondrous Cross"<br/>(with final chorus of "The Old Rugged Cross")

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Invocation and Welcome **David Jennings** Reading of Holy Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Chris Christopher (Pew Bible, NT, page 94) Reader: The Word of God for the people of God. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.** Meditation "Full to the Brim - Take Off Your Shoes" John Uldrick Silence Is Shared **Musical Offering** "I Love Thee Medley" **Bell Tower Trio** David Corbitt, Keith Jameson, Lewis Walker Lewis Walker, director; Betty Walker, piano "I Love Thee, my Lord" Text Anonymous, Tune: I LOVE THEE Music source Jeremiah Ingalls' Christian Harmony; "More Love to Thee, O Christ," Tune: MORE LOVE TO THEE Words by Elizabeth Prentiss; Music by William H. Doane "My Jesus, I Love Thee," Tune: GORDON Words by William R. Featherstone; Music by Adoniram J. Gordon Arranged by Lewis Walker, Copyright 2023, All Rights Reserved. One License.Net #A-710156 I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord; I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God; I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know; But how much I love Thee my actions will show. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou are mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

> I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

- Leader: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Leader. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

> The Bread (all gluten-free) The Cup (Rev. Christopher serving wine)

Prayer after Receiving Holy Communion

John Uldrick

Stripping of the Sanctuary

All leave in silence