

# The Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017  
7:00 PM

*An asterisk \* indicates standing, as you are able.  
The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

## The Church is Gathered

**Prelude**     *Into the Woods My Master Went*     Peter Lutkin

*In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.*

**Call to Worship**     From Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice  
and my pleas for mercy.

*Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

O Lord, I am your servant;

*I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
Praise the Lord!*

\* **Hymn**     *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*     Hymnal #426

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Christ, at times we act as if we do not know you, at times we say  
of you, "Away with him!" When we think of those times we weep  
and ask you to forgive us. Amen.*

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Response**     Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

\* **Song of Praise**     *Gloria Patri*     Hymnal #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Choral Anthem**     *Our Lord Endured the Cross*

Lloyd Larson

## To Hear God's Word

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading**     *John 13:1-17, 31-35*

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This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**     *"Christ's Commandment"*

## To Thank God

\* **Profession of Faith**     *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q. 48: How did Christ humble himself in his life?

*A. Christ humbled himself in his life by subjecting himself to the  
law, which he perfectly fulfilled, and by struggling with the  
indignities of this world, the temptations of Satan, and the frailty  
of his body, whether common to the natural human condition or  
particularly associated with his own poor situation.*

Q. 49: How did Christ humble himself in his death?

*A. Christ humbled himself in his death by being betrayed by Judas,  
forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world,  
condemned by Pilate, and tormented with physical persecution. He  
struggled with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness; he  
felt and bore the weight of God's anger. Finally, enduring the  
painful, shameful, and cursed death on the cross, he laid down his  
life as an offering for sin.*

**Offering**     *There is a Green Hill Far Away*     George Stebbins

*During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.*

\* **Song of Thanksgiving**     *Doxology*     Hymnal #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

## To See God's Word in Sacrament

\* Hymn                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      Hymnal #339

### Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution  
Sharing in the Bread and the Cup  
Prayer after the Meal

## To Depart to Serve God

\* Hymn                      *Were You There?*                      Hymnal #102

During our final hymn, we will remove from the Sanctuary or cover with black cloth the symbols of Christ, thus signifying Jesus' death and burial. The congregation is asked to depart in silence as we remember and mourn Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

