

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus teaches the true meaning of discipleship as he drapes a towel around his loins, pours water into a basin, and prepares to wash the disciples’ feet. Since then the basin and towel have reminded Christians of their call to be attentive to the needs of others, to humble themselves in service to sisters and brothers everywhere, and to use the waters of baptism daily in the common tasks they are called upon to perform. Jesus concludes the lesson: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” You are invited to wash your hands in the font as you arrive.

**PRELUDE** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ARR. FRED BOCK

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In remembrance, we gather:  
**to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.**  
In remembrance, we worship:  
**lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.**  
In remembrance, we feast:  
**breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.**

**\* OPENING HYMN #216** Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

## THE PREPARATION: JOHN 13:1-15

### READING THE TEXT

**HYMN #218** Ah, Holy Jesu v. 1, 2, 4, 5 HERZLIEBSTER JESU

## THE BETRAYER: JOHN 13:21-30

### READING THE TEXT

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How is it people will recognize us as followers of Jesus? Simply by how we treat one another. Let us confess how we have not loved as Christ loves us.  
**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, yet 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.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

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.  
**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!**

### \* THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
**The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**  
Amen! The peace of the Lord be with you and God’s people everywhere on this holy night.  
**[Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.]**

**\*HYMN #223** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

## THE MEAL: MARK 14:22-25

### READING THE TEXT

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

May the God of last suppers be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Open your hearts to God this night.  
**We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.**  
In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.  
**Our thanks is offered to the One who walks and waits with us through long nights.**  
When the hour had come, Creator of the heavens and earth . . . Therefore, with those whose feet are covered with sin, and those whose hearts are gripped by fear, we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:  
**Holy, holy, holy, God of towels and basins. We join heaven and earth in praising your name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who became a servant for us. Hosanna in the highest!**  
Holy are you, God of Redemption . . . Every time we eat this bread, our brokenness is made whole; every time we drink from the cup, we receive unceasing grace; every time we come to the table, we remember that mystery called faith:  
**In remembrance, we mourn Christ’s death; in remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection; in remembrance, we await his return to us.**  
Now that the hour has come, send your Spirit upon the gifts . . . receiving forgiveness from our enemies, singing your joy, forever, and ever, and praying as Christ taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

### THE NEW COMMANDMENT

Friends, on this night when our Lord shared the meal with His disciples, He gave to them, and to us who follow Him, the New Commandment which we receive again:  
**“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”** (John 13:34-35)  
**Holy God, source of all love, write this commandment on our hearts; give us the will to serve others as our Lord served us all, who gave His life and died for us, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.**

**HYMN #220** Go to Dark Gethsemane V. 1 – 3 REDHEAD 76

## THE LAST PRAYER: PSALM 22:1-21

### READING THE PASSION PSALM

*[As the Psalm is read, the Table and Pulpit are stripped, symbolizing the stripping of our Lord’s life; the Cross is draped in black, the sanctuary will be darkened, symbolizing the darkness which descended when our Lord died.]*

## THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

**One:** O my people, O my church,  
What have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you?  
Answer me.  
I led you forth from the land of Egypt  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**One:** I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna:  
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: What more could I have done for you that I have not done?  
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,  
I made you the branches of my vine;  
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.  
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,  
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.  
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: I gave you a royal scepter,  
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name  
and seek high places in my kingdom.  
I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide.  
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.  
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

#### **SILENT RECEPTION**

*The Benediction is omitted from the service, to be pronounced again Easter Sunday when we celebrate the victory of our Lord. Worshippers are requested now to depart the service in silence.*

#### Bulletin Acknowledgments

We are pleased to welcome Jacob Dishman as our musician for this service. The Communion liturgy is from Thom Shuman, "In That Upper Room," Wild Goose Publications. The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross are from PCUSA's *Book of Common Worship*.

#### PASTORAL TEAM

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## WELCOME TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN

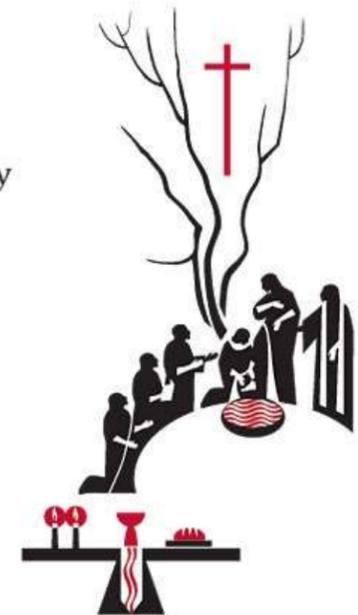
**WELCOME** to Faith Presbyterian Church. We welcome all worshippers to this Maundy Thursday service. We especially welcome any visitors and invite you to return and worship with us again. Please visit our website at [www.faithpresgso.org](http://www.faithpresgso.org) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/faithpresgso](http://www.facebook.com/faithpresgso).

**Easter Sunday**, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, will be held at our normal time of 11:00 a.m. this Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The service will conclude with the Flowering of the Cross on the front lawn, an Easter Egg Hunt for children, and refreshments.

**Maundy (Latin: "Mandate" or "Command") Thursday** is so designated because in the Upper Room our Lord gave His Church the New Commandment of love as recorded in John 13:34-35. It occurs in our liturgy following the meal.

**The Service proceeds** without announcements. Please follow your bulletin.

Maundy  
Thursday



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April 13, 2017  
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Service for Holy Communion  
Maundy Thursday

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