

**THE ORDER FOR THE  
WORSHIP OF GOD AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
7:00 PM ~ April 1, 2021**

**Maundy Thursday**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING SONG #655

*“What Shall I Render to the Lord” (Psalm 116)*

1 What shall I render to the Lord;  
what shall my offering be,  
for all the gracious benefits  
God hath bestowed on me?

2 Salvation’s cup my soul shall take  
while to the Lord I pray,  
and with God's people I will meet,  
my thankful vows to pay.

3 Not lightly dost thou, Lord, permit  
thy chosen saints to die;  
from death thou hast delivered me;  
thy servant, Lord, am I.

4 Within God’s house, the house of prayer,  
my soul shall bless the Lord,  
and praises to God’s holy name  
let all the saints accord.

OPENING WORDS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Come and offer yourselves to Christ as a thanksgiving sacrifice, like the woman who came to the table to anoint Jesus with costly oil.*

**ALL: We come to pay our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all God's people.**

*One: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at a table with his friends.*

**ALL: We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing.**

*One: Come and receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;*

**ALL: We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment: "Love one another."**

*One: Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.*

**ALL: We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter "Alleluia" will take on new meaning.**

*One: Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ, that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.*

## PRAYER

HYMN #201, v. 1 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
by Love's divine appointing.  
With rare perfume she filled the room,  
presiding and anointing.  
A prophet-woman broke a jar,  
the sneers of scorn defying.  
With rare perfume she filled the room,  
preparing Christ for dying.

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

CENTERING CHIME

Silently or in the chat room.

Question:

When was a time that someone did something beautiful for you or another, that someone else (or you) questioned?

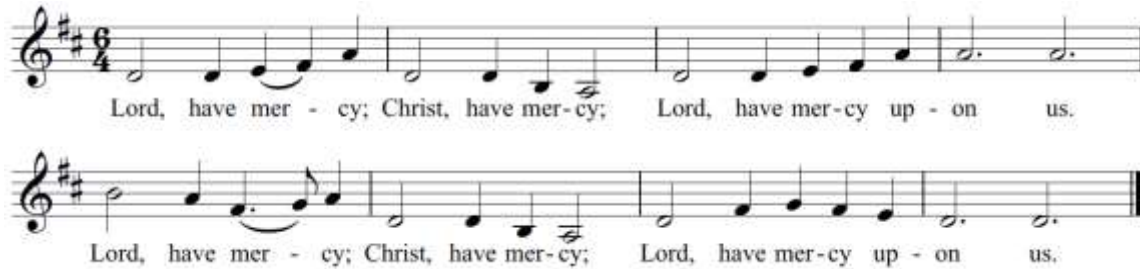
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Forgive us, Lord,  
for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace  
is cheap.  
Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket,  
forgetting the agony it represents.  
Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted,  
forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.  
Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty,  
forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.  
Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice,  
forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross.  
Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete,  
forgetting that we still contend against the powers of  
darkness.  
Receive our prayers offered in all humility,  
as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays  
for us still.**

*(A moment for silent meditation and confession.)*

## KYRIE ELEISON



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## SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-11

## CENTERING CHIME

Silently or in the chat room.

Question: When was a time that forgiveness struck you as too good to be true or too hard to fully accept?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SCRIPTURE

John 13:12-14

## THE PEACE

## HYMN #518

*“Your Only Son” (Lamb of God)*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love, we crucified;  
we laughed and scorned him as he died;  
the humble King we named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## GREAT 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.**

## SHARING THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING:

BREAKING THE BREAD OF LIFE, LIFTING THE CUP OF SALVATION

## WORDS OF COMMITMENT AND UNITY

*One: We believe the time is now*

*(with the taste of bread fresh on our lips)*

**ALL: to go into the world and face the darkness.**

*One: We believe the moment is right*

*(with the bitterness of the wine sharp in our mouths)*

**ALL:to face the powers of the world with the love of heaven.**

*One:We believe the place is here*

*(with the sound of covenant echoing in our ears)*

**ALL:to endure the suffering love calls us to.**

*One: We believe the path is before us  
(with the crumbs of heaven still scattered across the table)*

**ALL: to side with truth in a deafened world.**

*One: We believe the hour is come  
(with the table conversation a turmoil in our minds)*

**ALL: to conspire with Christ and move against injustice.**

*One: We believe the gospel is this  
(with bread lying broken and a goblet left empty)*

**ALL: love is betrayed but death shall not have the final word.**

HYMN #201, v. 4 “*A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*”

4 The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
by Love’s divine ordaining,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead,  
their powers and gifts unchaining.  
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,  
from women, men and children,  
the friends we need, to serve and lead.  
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

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BENEDICTION                      John 13:31-35

POSTLUDE #519                      “*You Are My All in All*”

You are my strength when I am weak;  
you are the treasure that I seek;  
you are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up;  
when I am dry, you fill my cup;  
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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