

Prelude & Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord and Host, inviting us to come and share in the feast he has prepared.

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

Leader: Jesus Christ is Master and Servant, kneeling before us in humility, washing our feet in love.

All: As he has loved us, let us love one another.

† **Glory to God Hymn #207 – Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine (vs 1,4,6,&7)**

We are called to confession

With extravagant love and generous hospitality, Jesus Christ invites us to confess our sins and set down our burdens, so that we may receive the fullness of all he seeks to give.

We confess our sins to God and one another

O God, in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love; we see our own failures to live as people fed by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy and hard-hearted. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like. Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may give freely following the example of Jesus.

Time for silent, personal confession

We receive the assurance of pardon

In word, in deed, in love that never quits, Jesus Christ has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Passing the Peace

Prayer of the Day

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Today's Scripture Reading:

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Pastor Paul

Reflecting on Scripture –

“Finding Joy”

Pastor Paul

Special Music - The Garden of Gethsemane

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)

Praying together, the Prayer Jesus Taught Us

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord said to this shall be a day of remembrance for you, you shall celebrate it as a festival of the Lord. Paul says to the Church: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Breaking of the Bread

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

The presider takes the loaf and breaks it in full view of the people, saying:

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Having filled the cup, the presider lifts it in the view of the people, saying:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Extending the bread and the cup to the people, the presider says:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

We Share in the Lord's Supper

Special Music – Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Extinguishing the Candles and Exiting

Please pray silently as the candles are extinguished and then depart from the sanctuary in silence.