

SERVICE OF WASHING AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 13, 2017

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WALKING IN HIS WAYS



WELCOME AND INVITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ.

We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed.

Are you prepared to come tonight as an observer of the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden--indeed, to struggle as He did to unite God's will with your will?

By the grace of God, we are.

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of coming darkness!

God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this night of remembrance and love with open hearts! Amen.

HYMN *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*, verses 1 and 2 (See hymn sheet)

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

O Christ, in your presence we discover who we are. You wash our feet, and we learn how reluctant we are to serve one another and the world around us. We are so like your disciples, who looked to their own self-centered interests even as you prepared to give yourself for the sake of the whole world. Our love is scarcely enough to offer to those closest to us, and yet you invite us to join all creation at your feast. Forgive us, and help us treasure your presence more deeply, that we may find in this night a celebration of overflowing joy. Amen.

God reaches out to heal, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go. Know that we are forgiven,
And we will answer God's love with our praise, devotion and service. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE SILENT SACRAMENT: A TIME OF WASHING

Preparation Hymn *An Upper Room, verse 3*
The Word *John 13:1-9, 12-17, 33-35*
The Way and The Washing

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, ruler of the universe, we thank you for your mighty acts of deliverance. You enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank you for the deep love of Jesus, which moved him to give himself for the redemption of all creation. We thank you for the grace we experience in receiving these symbols of the life Christ gave for others, and for us. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE MEAL AND SHARING COMMUNION

PRAYER AND SECOND GOSPEL PASSAGE

Let us join Christ in the garden of prayer.

Let us join Christ in passion and victory.

THE WORD *Luke 22: 1-27*

REFLECTION

HYMN *An Upper Room, verse 4*

BENEDICTION

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Rev. Jessica Gregory
Rev. Michael D. Kirby
Paul Vander Weele