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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 6, 2023**

**GATHERING**

*Gather in Silence and begin with a confession.*

**Confession:**

God never wearies of forgiveness and grace. God never wearies of giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our transgressions against God, Our neighbour, and ourselves.

*Silence*

Most Merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. To the Glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

**Opening Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* ELW 608**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Eternal God, In the sharing of your meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet, he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**WORD**

**Reading: Exodus 12:1-4,11-14**

End of Reading Response to "Word of God, Word of Life:"  
**"Thanks be to God"**

**Sung Psalm: Psalm 116, ELW 879, Verses 1-4**

**Gospel Acclamation (Spoken): I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.**

**Gospel: John 13:1-17, 33-35. Response: Glory to you, O Lord.**  
"The Gospel of the Lord." **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message: Thomas Mertz**

**Hymn of the Day: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love ELW 708**

**Handwashing: (Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659, Ubi Caritas ELW 642)**

*We are invited to come forward to wash one another's hands. The person whose hands were just washed, may wash the hands of the next.*

**Prayers of Intercession: (Sung Prayer Response, O Lord hear my prayer ELW 751)**

**Lord's Prayer: Pg. 112**

**MEAL**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

**Distribution (*Hymns During Communion 465, 471, 472*)**

**Blessing and Post Communion Prayer:**

**SENDING**

**Stripping of the Altar:**

*The assembly remains seated, the altar paraments are stripped. Psalm 22 is sung. Lights are dimmed.*

***Depart in Silence.***

***Arrive in Silence Friday Morning. (10 am)***