

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Live Streamed at 7:00 p.m.*



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## THE SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*“Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? ... O give thanks to the Lord for God is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.” - Psalm 118*

You are invited to remain seated during the singing of hymns for this service.

### **Prelude**

#### **Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Call to Worship** *(Responsively)*

Hear God’s people! You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.

**Hear God’s people! Love God truly, and your neighbor as yourself.**

Hear God’s people! God is great. There is no god but God. God has spoken through the prophets.

**Let us worship God.**

#### **Hymn 544** **Bless the Lord**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*The cantor will sing the first verse; the congregation will then join in and sing the hymn through three times.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you.**

**In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

*Silent Prayer*

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God who forgives our sins and sets us free to love, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **A Reading of the Passion of Jesus According to the Gospel of Matthew**

*Following each reading, a candle will be extinguished to signify the suffering of Christ and the diminishing of his light in this world.*

**First Reading**      (Pastor Mark Harper)      **Matthew 26:17-30**

**Homily**      **Accompany Them With Singing**

# Holy Communion

## Hymn 701

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*The cantor will sing our hymn through once,  
then we will join in for a second time.*

## Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

O God our creator, holy is your name. Let your realm of shalom come and your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Walk with us through the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of grace, we give you thanks for this meal of mercy and hope. May we who have celebrated this sign of Christ's great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Second Reading** (Karol Keane)

**Matthew 26:31-46**

**Third Reading** (Jean Dickey -Zoom)

**Matthew 26:47-56**

**Hymn 471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*The cantor will sing the hymn once; the congregation will  
follow three times.*

**Fourth Reading** (Merlyn Kettering) **Matthew 26:57-68**

**Fifth Reading** (Karen Boyer - Zoom) **Matthew 26:69-75**

**Sixth Reading** (Mary Pat Brennan) **Matthew 27:1-23**

**Seventh Reading** (Brian Monsell) **Matthew 27:24-56**

**Eighth Reading** (Peter Lukehart) **Matthew 27:57-61**

**Hymn 227** **Jesus, Remember Me**

*The cantor will sing the hymn through once; the congregation  
will follow three times.*

*Please depart in silence*