

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

Leader: Return to the Lord, God of all mercies, for a feast of love has been prepared for his own.

People: I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be continually in my mouth.

Leader: O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Happy are they who take refuge in God.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us exalt God's name together.

***Hymn** For the Bread Which You Have Broken **No. 614**

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Leader: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free our selves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors 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.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Peace

Upon washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said to them, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you."

**Reconciled by his love, let us offer one another signs of peace*

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray.

People: 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 had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded **No. 286**

Anthem *Written in Red* arr. Camp Kirkland
Chancel Choir

Scripture **John 13:1-17,31b-35**

Sermon What Love Looks Like Michael Ritter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **No. 12**

Gluten-free option available upon request.

Going Forth

**Please Stand*

Holy Week and Easter Worship Times

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Services - March 31

- Sunrise Service in Azalea Park at 6:30 am

- Spell Chapel Service at 8am

- Word & Table Contemporary Service at 8:45am Fellowship Hall

- Traditional Services at 8:45 and 11:15 in the Sanctuary



Maundy Thursday



“Unless I wash you,
you have no part with me.”

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