

# The Gathering

*The history of humanity is a story of occasional leaps in the right direction, followed by a return to the old ways. We go ahead two steps, back three. We don't always see where we are going or that God is with us. We join the Jews in the wilderness and Jesus on the streets of his time and place. Tonight we enter the upper room with the disciples, there to be with our Master for one last time before his ultimate sacrifice. We know that, like the disciples, we will affirm and deny. May we, also like the disciples, finally come to that moment when we meet a risen Master and journey to the Kingdom at his side.*



## WORDS OF PREPARATION

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

## THE PRELUDE

Debbie Lindley

*I Love You, Lord* ..... Klein  
*My Saviour's Love* ..... Gabriel

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

This is the day  
that Christ the Lamb of God  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

**This is the day  
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

This is the day  
that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others  
as he has done to us.

**This is the day  
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

## HYMN

#178 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Derek Hatch

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

My sisters and brothers,  
Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.  
**Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the  
truth of God's Spirit.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Derek Hatch

#399 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"* – verse 1 only

Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving:  
help us now to grasp the nature of your love.

Help us to pray honestly  
as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,  
and have been quick to take offense ourselves:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

Where we have scorned difference  
and have been indifferent to those in need:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,  
and have ignored the injustice around us:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.  
When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,  
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.  
For your faithful love we praise you.  
**AMEN.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

*One of the messages of Holy Week is that sooner or later every  
disciple will betray Jesus. We will betray him in the workplace when  
it will cost too much to think like a Christian, and in our homes  
when the anger is so great that we hurt those who trust us, and in  
the sacred commitments we make that we simply cannot keep.*  
– Craig Barnes

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

## PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jim Earnest

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my  
supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will  
call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will  
lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will  
pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your  
serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a  
thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay  
my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the  
courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nancy Campbell

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This  
month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the  
first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of  
Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for  
each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too  
small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in  
obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the  
number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your  
loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your  
hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.  
For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike  
down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and  
animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am  
the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where  
you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague  
shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall  
celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations  
you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## THE LAST SUPPER

*(Celebrants: Rev. C. Roland Marcus and Rev. Jim Earnest)*

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## GIFT OF MUSIC

Chancel Choir

*"Show Me Your Cross"*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## MEDITATION

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## INVITATION TO THE SERVICE OF FOOTWASHING

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

## SERVICE OF FOOTWASHING

*Footwashing is a powerful symbolic response to the Word, dramatizing the servanthood of Jesus, both on the night before his death and in his continuing presence in our midst. Footwashing involves imitating Jesus' actions and acting on his commandment to love one another. As you feel comfortable, feel free to move forward to one of the footwashing stations to wash another person's foot and have your foot washed (i.e., to serve and be served).*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

Mark 14:32-42

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came

and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

## HYMN OF WAITING

Ray Landis & Congregation

*"Stay with me" (Taizé)*

Stay with me.  
Remain here with me.  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

*After the song is sung once, the congregation will join and sing together. At the direction of pastors, begin leaving in silence, reflecting on the meaning of the events of Christ's life and ministry we have remembered tonight.*



### Serving Deacons:

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## Maundy Thursday

*The Thursday before Easter is called "Maundy" based on Christ's command, which in Latin is the word "mandatum," that his disciples should love one another. In fourth-century Jerusalem there were special services at the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, and in North Africa an evening Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper. By the sixth century in the West, the Blessing of Oils and the Reconciliation of Penitents took place on this day. By the Middle Ages the stripping and washing of altars and the "pedilavium" (foot washing) were added. The latter ceremony was sometimes performed by sovereigns, and the modern English Royal Maundy Service is a modified survival of this.*

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