# WORSHIP FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

#### **PRELUDE**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" GtG 202 (Verses 1-2)

- 1. An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.
- 2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

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## **PRAYER**

O God, help us tonight to know in a very real way the presence and love of Christ as we sing and pray, reflect and break bread, and remember. As we celebrate the events of this week, grant us the power of your Spirit to help us remember with clarity and vision what you in Christ have done for us, that we might know more truly who we are as your people, and serve you obediently in love. Amen.

## MEDITATION AND REFLECTION Pastor Bill Vincent

**HYMN** "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" GtG 500

1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

(continued...)

2. Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Lord's Table* 

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(The congregation will be invited forward to receive communion. Those who choose not to come forward will be served at their seats.)

Sing "Were You There" GtG 228 (Verses 1-3 & 5)

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1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(Were you there?)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

(Were you there?)

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

(Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

(Were you there?)

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

(Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

(Were you there?)

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(Were you there?)

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Prayer

\*CLOSING HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" GtG 220 (Verses 1-3)

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see; (continued...) watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2. Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete; "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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#### \*THE BENEDICTION

One: We take up our cross in order to proclaim the one who took up his cross –

for us.

All: We love one another, just as he commanded, to proclaim the one who

first loved us.

One: May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, God the Son, and God

the Holy Spirit, be and abide with us always.

All: Amen.

\*RESPONSE "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" GtG 202 (Verse 3)

3. And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.

In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

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### **POSTLUDE**

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