

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Prelude** *Gothic Prelude*

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**Call to Worship**

Jesus says, Just as I have loved you,  
we also should love one another.  
We gather to kneel at the feet of Jesus,  
to learn the way of sacrifice and service.  
We gather to be fed. We gather to know love.

**Hymn:** #202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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.  
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.  
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.  
No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you sat at table with Judas, who betrays Jesus with a kiss; and with Peter, who — three times — denies our Lord; and with all the other disciples, who fail to keep watch and pray. We confess that we are not so different from the twelve. We, too, have turned from Christ when the demands of faith seemed too great. On this holy night of remembrance, forgive us once again. Renew and strengthen our faith, that even in our undeserving, we may fully embrace the life and hope you offer us. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading:** John 13:1-15

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." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and

Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Homily** "Irrational Love"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen

**Sacramental Words**

Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer  
Receiving the Elements  
Prayer after Communion

**Anthem...***In the Garden*

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir, Ron Ollis - piano

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Aria from Baroque Suite*

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