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Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter on which Christians memorialize the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples. “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum novum,” meaning “new commandment. In John 13:34, Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment; “Love one another.”

Prelude: “More Precious Than Silver/Oh, How He Loves You and Me” Les Fraaza

Call to Worship: Matthew 26:17-19

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

“Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him,

‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Setting the Table: Processional During Hymn

Gathering Hymn:

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (vs. 1,3,4)

Opening Prayer:

Our Table is set, Lord Jesus, but it is incomplete without you. Come and be our host.

Our lives feel full, O Lord, but they are empty without you.

Come and be our Lord.

Our world is busy, O God, but without you it is purposeless.

Come and be our King.

Disturb our comfort and awaken our hearts tonight, O Lord.

Through the waters of the Red Sea, through the waters of our baptism, bring us out of our empty tables, lives and world, and give us a seat at your table, a share in your life, a place in your kingdom. Lord Jesus, make room for us tonight.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 41:9-12

“Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me. But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them. By this I know that you are pleased with me; because my enemy has not triumphed over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.” Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Peace:

Since God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn:

“My Jesus I Love Thee” (vs. 1,2,3)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 26:20-46

Message: “Stay Awake”

Special Music:

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” Jay St. Clair

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table and Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration & The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Sharing of the Elements

(We celebrate “Open Communion” at CCPC which means ALL baptized believers here today are welcome to share in our Lord’s Feast.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory Music:

“The Wondrous Cross” JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

Doxology:

“What Wondrous Love is This” (vs. 1,3,4)

The Stripping and Washing of the Table:

All movable hangings and ornaments, except for the lectern bible, are removed from the chancel and altar. Then the altar is washed, reminding us that Jesus’ body was washed before burial, according to ancient custom.

Final Reading: Matthew 26:47-56, 69-75

Postlude: Les Fraaza

**Our service continues tomorrow at 6 pm
with the observation of Good Friday.**