



## Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday Service

March 28, 2024

7:00 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here is a table around which a story is told.

**People: Not anyone's story, but everyone's story.**

Leader: A story that makes no sense, and holds no hope,

**People: Unless we dare to believe this is not all there is.**

Leader: For as the world turns to trap him,

**People: Jesus does one more thing that opens God's love,**

Leader: To be shared evermore.

**People: Jesus breaks bread and sips wine,**

Leader: And as the darkness builds around him,

**People: The light of this story casts its brilliance down the centuries,**

Leader: And bathes this table tonight for those who dare believe.

† HYMN #504

“We Come as Guests Invited”

We come as guests invited  
when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united  
to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken;  
the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token  
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving  
from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing  
on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving  
for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living  
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,  
one single fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring  
renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given  
by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven,  
the love of Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:1-11 (Pew Bible page 826)

HOMILY

Rev. Terri Thorn

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

† HYMN #510

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

We gather here in Jesus’ name;  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;  
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;  
everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here,  
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;  
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,  
of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen, he meets us here  
in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
come, take the bread; come drink the wine;  
come, share the Lord.

### Sharing God's Gifts

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: Here we are, O God,

**People: Gathered around your table,**

Leader: Gathered together by your love,

**People: All done trying to shift the blame away.**

Leader: We know we betray you, every day,

**People: But we are ready to try again.**

**All: Help us to follow faithfully.**

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION & 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.*

#### BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Leader: Here we are, O God,

**People: Gathered around your table,**

Leader: Fed by your abundant love,

**People: Re-calling you into our presence.**

Leader: As your life fills us,

**People: We feel the challenge to let you shine through us  
every day.**

**All: Help us to live both holy and whole.**

#### *The Bread Is Broken*

Leader: Here we are, O God,

**People: Gathered around your table,**

Leader: Slaked by the cup of your grace,

**People: Seeking courage to follow you into the world.**

Leader: We see the danger and death around us.

**All: Help us to also see you at work among us.**

#### *The Cup Is Poured*



*Call To Worship, Invitation To The Table & Blessing The Elements, and Prayer Of Commitment – all adapted from Spring, Ruth Burges, Editor*

*Prayer of Preparation adapted from Wild Goose Big Book Of Worship Resources*

*Scripture readings from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*