

**A Service of Word and Sacrament  
Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024**

The United Church of Santa Fe  
A United Church of Christ

*The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum,” meaning command. We gather on this night to remember the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: “Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.”*

*The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows.” The Last Supper led into deeper shadows. The night in which he offered his disciples the new command was also the night in which he was betrayed.*

*We come together in the shadows tonight to break bread and share the cup in remembrance of the Last Supper and those words of love. Then, as the lights are extinguished one by one, we hear again the story of the life given in love for us and all creation.*

*The disciples who shared this last meal with Jesus came from many backgrounds with many different hopes and expectations. Yet all were welcome at the table. That is true for us as well. All are welcome at this table.*

*The service concludes with the Tenebrae readings and has no benediction. After the last reading, the congregation says the Lord’s Prayer together. The service ends in total darkness with the Spiritual, “Were You There?” You are invited to leave as you choose.*



**WE GATHER**

Gathering in Silence

Prelude

*Siciliano from Flute Sonata in E-flat Major  
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

J.S. Bach  
Passion Chorale/Hassler

Words of Welcome and Breathing in God’s Gifts

Musical Call

*Kyrie Eleison* (3x)  
*Kyrie eleison.                      Christe eleison.                      Kyrie Eleison*

Ukrainian Orthodox Chant

Call to Worship

We have gathered in the presence of God our Creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

**We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we might know its joy.**

We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

**In our living and our dying, we belong to God, in the shadow of God’s wings, we sing in hope.**

People of God, let that hope lead us through the journey of this night.

\*Hymn

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*It Was a Sad and Solemn Night* (1-4)

Bourbon

**WE PREPARE**

A Prayer of Preparation and Confession

**O God, you who are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,  
and ready to give more than either we desire or deserve,  
open our hearts to you this night,  
that we might know the abundance of your love for us and all people.**

**Forgive that which we are afraid to name,  
heal that which has been broken,  
and guide us in the way of your peace. Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer and the Assurance of God’s Presence and Grace

Our Song of Hope

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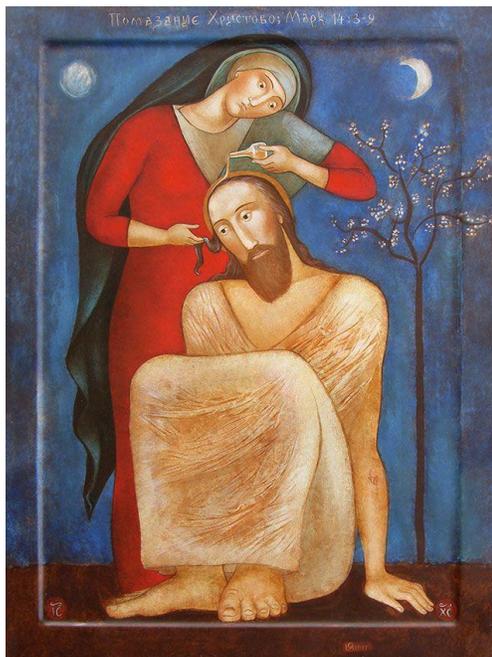
*Where Charity and Love Prevail* (1-2, 4)

Christian Love (8<sup>th</sup> c.)

## WE ENGAGE

A Story of this Night

Mark 14:1-11



It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The religious leaders were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and [turn him over to the Roman authorities]; for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the religious leaders in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Hymn 210

*Said Judas to Mary* (1-3)

Sydney Carter

Reflection

*What We Remember*

A Time of Silent Reflection

A Musical Response

*Adoramus Te*

Giovanni Palestrina

*We adore you, Christ, and we bless you,  
who by your precious blood has redeemed the world. Have mercy on us.*

## WE RECEIVE AND SHARE

The Sharing of Communion

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

This table is open to all who seek to follow the way of Jesus the Christ, the way of strength and courage. Let us come to this table not because we must,

**but because we may.**

Let us come, not because we are whole,

**but because in our incompleteness, we stand in need of God’s mercy and assurance.**

Let us come not to make a statement or express an opinion,

**but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit.**

Let us come to this table, then, my sisters and brothers, as we are. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, conquered sin and death, and reconciled all creation to our Creator.

## The Prayer of Blessing

Gracious God, who loves all and forgets none, we bring to you our prayers this night for all your people and all your creation.

For all whom we love, watch over, and remember;

**hear us, O God.**

For all who, like Jesus, are broken in body, soul, or mind, from physical affliction or loneliness of heart;

**hear us, O God.**

For all who, like the women and disciples around him, are troubled by the suffering of those whom they love;

**hear us, O God.**

For all who, like Peter and Judas, are overshadowed with doubt and fear, may your light still guide them;

**hear us, O God.**

For all, like those whom Jesus sought to help, who are oppressed by poverty or hatred, for all forgotten by us and this world, may they know they are remembered and held dear by you;

**hear us, O God.**

For all the peoples and places of our world broken by illness and hunger, greed and violence, may they know your healing power and our love and commitment;

**hear us, O God.**

### *Silent prayer*

Hear all of our prayers, O God, spoken and unspoken. Remind us that you are the One who listens and who hears, the One who loves all people and all creation, the One whose love even death could not destroy. Bless now by your word and Spirit these gifts of bread and cup. Bless each of us and all of us that through this meal, we might have courage for the journey ahead and the commitment to follow in Jesus' way and offer ourselves in love for others. Amen.

## Sharing of Bread

*(All are welcome. As your section is called, please come down the designated aisle, receive the bread, then either dip it in a chalice or take a cup, and return to your seat by the next aisle. For a non-gluten wafer, please let the server know. Again, all persons, regardless of age or background, are welcome to share in this meal.)*

Congregational Hymns

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*Adoro te devote*

Thomas Aquinas/Plainsong

*(Choir sings 1<sup>st</sup> Latin; Congregation sings English 1 and 3)*

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*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (1-2, 4)

Hamburg

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**With these gifts of bread and cup, O God, you have offered us communion with you. Through the journey of this night, you shared our sorrows and fears and showed us the power of your love to overcome hatred and even death. For all these gifts, we thank you—and we dare to ask for yet more. Give us the courage and strength to follow in the path of your Passion and peace. Give us the faith to trust that this journey through the shadows of this night leads to your new life of Easter dawn. Amen.**



## WE HEAR AGAIN THE STORY OF THE PASSION

As Told in Song

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*Journey to Gethsemane* (1-3)

Redhead

The First Reading:  
Silence

*Betrayal*

Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25

The Second Reading:  
Silence

*Truly Denied, Truly Deserted*

Mark 14:26-31



The Third Reading: Luke 22:39-44  
*Angels and Anguish, Sweat and Blood*  
 Silence

Hymn 226 Passion Chorale  
*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

The Fourth Reading: Luke 22:47-53  
*The Power of Fear, The Power of Healing*  
 Silence

The Fifth Reading: Luke 22:54-62  
*Bitter Denial, Bitter Weeping*  
 Silence

Song *Motherless Child* African American

The Sixth Reading: *Wanting to Please the Crowd* Mark 15:1-15  
 Silence

The Seventh Reading: *The Word Was God* John 1:1-5, 14  
 Silence

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

The Lord's Prayer  
 Silence

Solo *Were You There?* African American

*(You are invited to leave the Sanctuary when you choose.)*



Sharing leadership are Rev. Talitha Arnold, Pastor; Bradley Ellingboe, Director of Music and Soloist; Dr. Jessie Lo, Pianist; Rebecca Brunette, soloist; Sanctuary Choir; Liturgist Bruce Turnquist; Communion Servers Nyla Rasmussen and Sam Elkind; and Tenebrae Readers Louise Cavatta, Tom Himrod, Alicia Wolfe, Sam Elkind, Weston Puglisi, Karen Wilbanks, and Caleb Omolo; Sacred Space Team; and Media Coordinator Elijah Marquez.

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We invite you to join in the Remembrance of Good Friday tomorrow at 12:00 noon outdoors.  
 The service will be preceded by a Creation Care time (10:00 to 11:30) to prepare the church grounds for Easter.  
 The sanctuary will also be open for private prayer from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 pm