A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

GREETING \*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

SONG “COME YOU SINNERS”

Verse 1

Come you sinners, poor and needy, Come behold your Saviour's face

Full of love and rich in mercy Hands outstretched with endless grace.

Verse 2

Nothing you have done has earned it full atonement vast and free

Nothing you can do can change it rest on Jesus' victory.

**Chorus:**

**Our hearts are restless till we find our rest in You**

**Our lives are hopeless till we find our hope in You**

**Jesus You are my life, Jesus I give my life to You**

Verse 3

Come you weary heavy laden burdened under shame and sin

There is never condemnation when your life in Christ is hid.

**Chorus**

Verse 4

There is no one else to turn to He will guide you all your days

His perfect love is perfect for you trust in Jesus' saving grace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: My brothers and sisters, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Most merciful God,

**C: we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.**

**Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,**

**where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,**

**forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us,

was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,

and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news, as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1 –14

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23 –26

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1 –17, 31b –35

HYMN: “CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING”

1. Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,

Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:

through your suff’ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

1. You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,

even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;

for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

1. Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,

for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;

thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,

for that triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

SERMON

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE CROSS FROM PALMS & THE ALTAR