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Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Online Communion

This service will contain a celebration of Online Communion. The Session of Gates Presbyterian Church has approved this format for observing communion

- Choose whatever forms of bread, juice or wine you wish to have. Any are more than adequate to be signs of this Holy meal.
- Encourage your family to respect the holiness of the sacrament. If you are alone, embrace the quiet peace around you.
- Have individual portions for each person participating – the bread and the cup should NOT be shared
- Place the elements in a central place where you are viewing the service – consider adding a lighted candle to the setting.
- The minister will lead you in the communion liturgy. He/she will first receive the bread and then will invite you and those you are with to do the same. The cup will be received in the same way.
- When partaking of the elements say:

For the bread: “The bread of heaven, thanks be to God” or “The body of Christ, thanks be to God.”

For the cup say: “The cup of salvation, thanks be to God” or “The blood of Christ, thanks be to God.”

Prelude

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

All: **But what of the people who have spoken ill of me? What of the people who have sought to discredit me for their own gain? And what of the people who have no compassion and whose greed and prejudice have**

robbed me of even the glimmer of happiness and joy in my life? Does God expect me to forgive these people?

Liturgist: Thus, says the Lord of hosts, render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

All: But what if I am the widow being oppressed? What if I am the fatherless being ostracized? What if I am the poor soul who is being ignored and forgotten? Does the Lord expect me to show kindness and mercy even when I have received none in return?

Liturgist: But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother and sister in need, yet closes his heart against them, how does God's love abide in him?

All: Does God not see those who profess to be believers in the teachings of God's Son Jesus and who have great wealth and countless possessions and command much influence and power but who do nothing to help those who are truly in need? Does God's love abide in those who shout their faith in the public square but who silently ignore those who beg in the street for food and drink for their children?

Liturgist: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: As each of us has received a gift, let us use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Praise be to God.

Hymn

["Where Charity and Love Prevail"](#)

First Scripture Reading

Luke 22:7-13

The Preparation

Hear the Word

Charity

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:14-16;20-25

The Betrayal

Hear the Word

Forgiveness

Third Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:15; 25-28

The Passover

Hear the Word

Community

Hymn

[“Let Us Break Bread Together”](#)

Communion

Fourth Scripture

Luke 22:14-20

The Communion of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Prayer

First Communion Host: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace. I am one of God’s people.

Second Communion Host: For the Lord your God is a merciful God. God will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that was sworn to them. I am one of God’s people.

Third Communion Host: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. I am one of God’s people.

Fourth Communion Host: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. I am one of God’s people.

Leader: The Lord’s Grace, the Lord’s Mercy, the Lord’s forgiveness and the Lord’s Love are offered to all people be they woman or man, rich or poor, young or old, well or ill. The Lord cares not about the color of your skin or the lineage of your family. What is in your heart and in your soul are the Lord’s only concerns. Let all people of faith take a place at the table that the Lord has prepared for all of us.

Words of Institution

<The communion of the people>

Post Communion Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Fifth Scripture Reading

John 13: 2-17

A Lesson in Humility

Hear the Word

Humility

Special Music

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

Responsive Reading

What Kind of People Does God Call Us To Be?

Leader: What does God expect of us? “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servants whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am God”.

Congregation: God expects us to know God and to believe in God.

Leader: What does God expect of us? Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’.

Congregation: God expects us to love God and to love one another.

Leader: What does God expect of us? Commit your way to the LORD; trust in God and God will do this: ⁶God will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun”.

Congregation: God expects us to trust God and to obey God’s commandments.

Leader: What does God expect of us? My people remember to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Congregation: God expects us to love mercy.

Leader: What does God expect of us? Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

Congregation: God expects us to be compassionate. We pray for the strength and the courage to do all that God expects of us.

The Lesson of the Holy Man and the Good Samaritan

Hear the Word

Compassion

The Lesson of the Pharisee and the Old Woman

Hear the Word

Generosity

The Lesson of Caiaphas and Joseph of Arimathea

Hear the Word

Conviction

Sixth Scripture Reading

Luke 22:32-34; 52-62

Into the Garden
and Into the Darkness

Hymn

[“Go to Dark Gethsemane”](#)

Verses 1 & 2

Benediction

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Service Participants:

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Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor
Larry Wakeman, Liturgist
Keith Morgan, Liturgist
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Roy Smith, Vocalist
Julie Smith, Vocalist
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