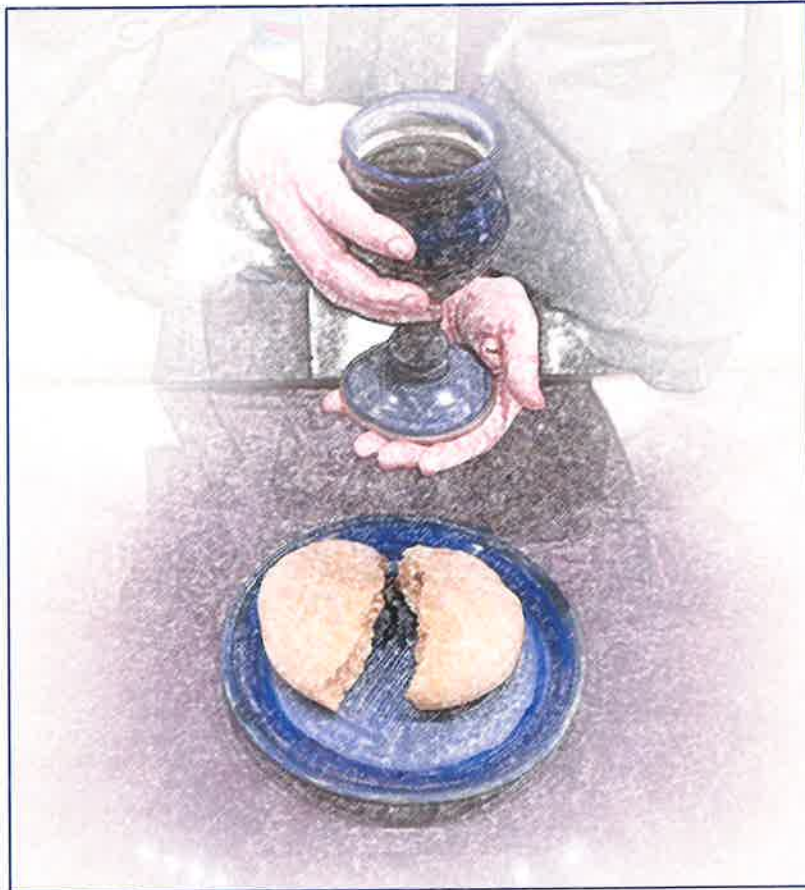


23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



<sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:23–26*

## Abington Presbyterian Church

March 28, 2024

7:30 p.m. Communion Service

Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Maundy Thursday  
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
March 28, 2024

PRELUDE                                      The Celestial Banquet                                      *Olivier Messiaen*

PROLOGUE                                      Mark 14:1-11                                      NT p. 51

GATHERING WORDS

This is the night when Jesus –  
the Bread of Life, the True Vine –  
shared a holy meal with his closest friends  
and established a new covenant of love.

**We gather to feast at the table of grace.**

This is the night when Jesus –  
God's Anointed One –  
was betrayed into the hands of sinners  
and led away to suffer and die.

**We gather to keep awake and to pray.**

This is the night when we – the followers of Jesus –  
recognize ourselves in sacred story:  
we are those who deny, those who betray,  
but also those who watch, those who stay.

**We gather as God's people, flawed but faithful,  
to worship the One who loves us to the end.**

\*HYMN 506                                      Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table                                      COPELAND  
(\* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,  
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.  
Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we will not bind ourselves to you.  
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,  
but we refuse your love  
and withhold ourselves from others.  
We do not love you fully  
or love one another as you command.**

In your mercy, forgive us.  
Lead us once again to your table  
And unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.

\*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:12-21

NT p. 51

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE - Mark 14:22-25

NT p. 52

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## HYMN

## Holy, Holy, Holy

\*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty ...

... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

\*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God ...

... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

\*A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.**

## \*RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks  
for the feast of redemption we have shared.  
As you have nourished us with love,  
let our lives proclaim your great love for the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ANTHEM                      An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine                      *David Music*

An upper room with evening lamps ashine, the twelve disciples, and the table spread;  
now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine, and in remembrance bless and break the  
bread.

We see by faith upon the cross displayed his body broken and his blood outpoured;  
in that dread robe of majesty arrayed we gaze in worship on the dying Lord.

Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above: still to our hearts we find his presence given;  
take for ourselves the pledges of his love, foretaste and token of that feast in heaven.

*All are invited to join:*

**So send us out, to love and serve and praise, filled with his Spirit, as the Master said:  
love, joy and peace the wine of all our days, Christ and his life our true and living bread.**

SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 14:26-31	NT p. 52
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HYMN 204	Stay with Me	STAY WITH ME
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SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 14:32-42	NT p. 52
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HYMN 220, v.1-2	Go to Dark Gethsemane	REDHEAD 76
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SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 14:43-50	NT p. 52
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## STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

MUSIC	O Sacred Head	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>
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*The people depart in silence.  
The service continues tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.*

**Worship Leaders:**

**Presider:** The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

**Liturgist:** Tia McCoun

**Readers:** Zene Colt, Alex Orlevitch, Alice Price, Bill Price, Lily Sall

**Chancel Choir:** John Sall, director

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

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**Hearing assistant devices** are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

**In need of special prayers this week:** Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Ted Hyczko, Jen Klauder (friend of Cindi Willis), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Mary Ann Wherry, Miriam Whitten, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Richard Decembrino family, Olive Biggs, Stephen Krewson, Peter S. Johnson, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeke Mason), Barbara Burke (friend of Jeff Bates), Donald Wolf, Linda Doyle, Carol Ann Vogel.

**Joys:** Our church family would like to celebrate and share joys in our midst including the arrival of a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild in your family. Please let Susan in the office know about these happy events that we may share here.

**For Pastoral Care:** To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.



Abington Presbyterian Church celebrates God's infinite love and believes all people are equal in the eyes of God. We welcome all to worship and serve with us. We seek to work together to oppose intolerance, racism, and injustice that threaten the unity of humankind.

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