

Maundy Thursday 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude *Remembrance (The Communion Song)* Kevin Lackie

Dramatic Reading *Honored* Franconia Players

Words of Welcome Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Broken for Me*, TFWS 2263)

Pastor: A table is set before us.

People: A feast is prepared for us.

Congregation (singing): Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you. Come to the table and with me dine; eat of my bread and drink of my wine. Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you.”(v.2)

Pastor: Come, now is the time to gather for this meal.

People: We come, hearts ready to receive the gift of Christ.

Congregation(singing): "Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you. This is my body given for you; eat, remembering I died for you. Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you.”(v.3)

Pastor: Come to the table.

People: We remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Congregation (singing): "Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you. This is my blood I shed it for you; for your forgiveness, making you new. Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you.” (v.4)

Pastor: Come to the table.

People: For this is the night Christ's love is poured for us.

*Congregation (singing): "Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you.”
(refrain only)*

*Opening Prayer

Loving Lord,

as we remember the meal You shared with Your disciples.

Be with us in the breaking of the bread,

in the sharing of the cup,

in the praying of prayers,

and in the very act of remembering.

Embrace us with Your love

**that we may remember with gratitude the forgiveness
You have offered us time and time again.
Envelop us with Your grace,
and fill us with Your Spirit
that we may share Your living bread with a hungry world. AMEN.**

*Song *Above All*

Maundy Thursday Prayers

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-25

Pat Hobbs

Words of Reflection

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

**People: Most merciful God,
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.**

Assurance and Pardon

Pastor: 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:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven
praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

**Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others
in the name our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Special Music

You Are Mine

Kevin Lackie

Dramatic Reading

Do You Know This Man

Franconia Players

Stripping of the Altar

The Lord's Prayer (*Whispered*)

***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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Remembrance (The Communion Song)