O Lord, has borne our sin and delivered us from death. Give to us the grace of your forgiveness so that we may enjoy the blessing of a clear conscience and serve you without fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, your love has gathered the lonely and lost and created the Church, where sinners may come and find a place at your table of grace and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, your love supports the wounded in body and spirit, and your grace sustains the sick and suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, your love welcomes the brokenhearted and binds up those who are crushed in spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, your love has promised to hear our prayer and to answer us with all that is good and right and true. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, your love sets a table before us in the presence of our enemies to receive the food and drink of your body and blood.

C **Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Benediction

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to the Upper Room, a place of great suffering and a place of great love! We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory!

C **Let us ever walk with Jesus.**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

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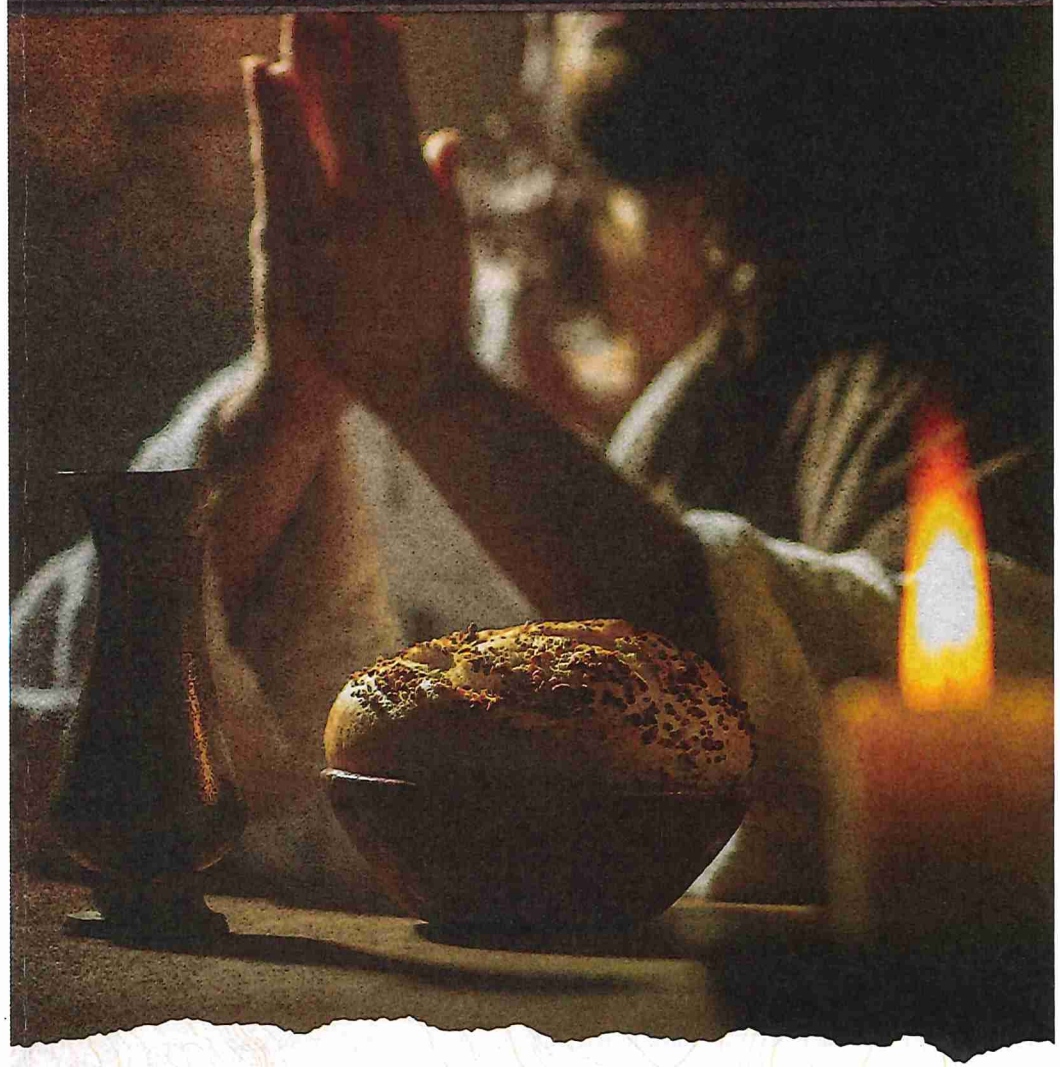

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Upper Room

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The Upper Room

And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.
Mark 14:15

Invocation and Call to Worship

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C **To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C **To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C **We travel to the Upper Room.**

P To watch as Christ delivers the Gospel.

C **In his true body and blood.**

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C **I shall follow where you guide!**

Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never from the blessèd Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Confession and Forgiveness

P King David prays, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

C **My heart, O God, is often anything but broken and contrite.**

P Instead, it is covered in calluses.

C **Because I hold grudges.**

P Keep score,

C **Refuse repentance.**

P And turn away from humility and kindness.

C **Lord, soften my spirit.**

P Because a hard heart is like a wrecking ball.

C **It mangles marriages.**

P Condemns children.

C **And finishes off families and friends. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C **I shall follow where you guide!**

Prayer of the Day & Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading.....Exodus 12:1-14

Epistle Reading.....1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel Reading .....Matthew 26:17-29

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Your perfect love,