

Order of Worship

Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024 7:00 PM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Andante Religioso, Op 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

Laura Henderson, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Jesus calls us to the feast.

People: We come, ready to join his disciples at the table of grace.

Leader: Jesus calls us to join him in love and service.

People: We come, ready to wash one another's feet.

Leader: Jesus shows us how to love one another.

People: We come, ready to worship the God who calls us.

Hymn

Lord God, your Love Has Called Us Here

Opening Litany

Leader: You knew your hour had come.

You knew your betrayer.

You knew your enemies.

You knew that the straw vote would not be in your favor.

But you loved unto the end.

People: Thank you for loving us, even unto death.

Teach us to love like you love.

Teach us to love each other,

to love even our enemies,

like you loved us.

Leader: You took on the form of a servant,

washing the feet of those whom you disciplined.

You defined humility and servanthood.

You are he who was surely sent from God.

People: Thank you for serving for us.

Teach us to be servants without fail;

to make humility our constant companion

and to seek no glory for ourselves.

Remind us when we forget.

Leader: On that solemn evening,
you surrounded yourself with friends and enemies,
persons of faith and persons of ill will.

**People: Help us to be able to always emulate you
when we are surrounded by our friends
and especially when we are surrounded by our enemies.**

Leader: You have established a "new commandment";
help us to live it out in every moment,
in every aspect of our lives,
in our families, in our churches, in our communities,
and throughout the world.

**People: On this holy night, we gather to remember again
the miracle that you performed in our lives.
You have brought us into the marvelous light.
At great cost to you, you have given us new life and life eternal. Amen.**

Anthem

I Will Remember Thee

Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

James Montgomery

Scripture

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Rev. Wines

Worship Stations

You are invited during this time to move to the three stations listed below, located around the sanctuary space. We encourage you to move at your own pace and according to your own comfort level through any or all of the stations. When the hymn begins, you are invited to find your seats for our closing.

- Holy Communion: At the communion table. (Gluten-free wafers are available)
- Handwashing Station: At the side entrance.
- Prayer Station: At the main entrance.

Hymn

Lamb of God

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**Please join us for Good Friday worship tomorrow at 7 PM
and for a celebration of our risen Lord on
Easter Sunday at 7 AM, outdoors weather permitting, and at 10 AM in the sanctuary.**

Opening Prayer Written by Nolan Williams, Jr., and posted on *The African American Lectionary* website.

Re-posted on the *re:Worship* blog at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/holy-thursday-prayer-litany.html>.

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