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 **Prelude**

\* **Welcome to All**

P: We join a solemn journey of three days that has changed the world and our own lives.

Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago…

 ***C: This is the night of love…***

 P: On the night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples'

 feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show

 their love for him and for one another. This is the night of love…

 ***C: On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his***

 ***followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him to***

 ***encounter him anew, whenever they did the same. This is the***

 ***night of love…***

 P: On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have

 returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey

 of returning. This is the night of love…

 ***C: This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome the***

 ***penitent -- all here have wandered -- and invite all preparing -- all***

 ***here are still learning -- to join us in hearing and obeying the***

 ***commandment of our Lord and to feast at his table, that we may***

 ***love one another as he has loved us.***

P: Come, all who have sinned.
Come, all who are thirsty.
Come, all who are weary.
Come to the night of love.

\* **Hymn *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*** *Hymn #423* Vs. 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
 who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
 we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
 consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.

 Vs. 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
 still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the

 soul,
 by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

 Vs. 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
 in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened

 sight,
 making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us

 bear,
 stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

 **Reading: John 13:1-7, 12-16, 34-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2**The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper **3**Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4**got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5**Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. **6**He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” **7**Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

**12**After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? **13**You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. **14**So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15**For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16**Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

**34**I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

***Hymn of the Day “A New Commandment”*** *WOV #664*

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall people know you are my disciples, if you have love for another, by this shall people know you are my disciples: if you have love for another.

 **Responding to the Spirit: Through Our Baptism and Holy**

 **Communion**

P: This is the night of love. Jesus washed his disciples' feet, reversing roles of master and student servant and host, to show the world God's love and theirs. On this night, we remember our baptism with the water and God’s Word to wash away the dirt and grim and sins of our lives. We love because God first loved us. Come. Let Christ love you here, and share that love with another.

\* **Confession & Forgiveness**

 P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

 ***C: Amen.***

 P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's

 call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us

 from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we

 were called at baptism.

 ***C: Amen.***

P: Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

 P: Most merciful God,

 ***C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.***

 ***We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what***

 ***we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not***

 ***loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors***

 ***as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy***

 ***on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight***

 ***in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.***

 ***Amen.***

 P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,

 and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God

 strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in

 your hearts through faith.

 ***C: Amen.***

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.***

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P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

***C: We lift them to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***C: It is to give our thanks and praise.***

**Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

\*  **Lord’s Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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 and ever. Amen.***

 **Communion**

 **Prayers**

 P: We thank you for your grace on this night of love.

 ***C: Make us one body in Christ by his body and blood.***

 P: One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to

 pray for the church and the world: That we may proclaim the gospel

 boldly:
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: That healing may come for people who are sick, and peoples who are

 torn and weary:
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself

 vanquished:
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and

downcast may be set free at last.
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: That we may love one another, and all your creation, as you have

 loved us.
***C: Hear us, Lord.***

 P: Come Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until the return of

 Jesus as Lord and Savior of all!

 ***C: All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy God, now***

 ***and forever. Amen!***

 P: This is the night of love. Go forth in the strength of this feast, in the

 care of this community, and with the love and blessing of our God,

 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

 ***C: Amen.***

**Stripping of the Altar**

*The stripping of the altar at the close of the service this evening is symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation at the soldiers’ hands.*

(Please leave the sanctuary in silence.)