

Maundy Thursday
Online Service of Worship
April 9th, 2020

Introit: Wayfaring Stranger

Call to Worship:

To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who feel alone and want community,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,
To all who fail and desire strength,
To all who worry and want peace,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
And to whoever will come, this church offers her welcome.
In the name of the LORD, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn #95: He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Prayer of intercession:

Oh God, our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Come to our aid as the Coronavirus spreads globally. Heal those who are sick, and support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Grant us your Spirit of love and self-discipline, so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the Coronavirus. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Make us vigilant and attentive and proactive in the eradication of all diseases; malaria, dengue, HIV and Aids, and others: You may know of other crises that we're facing in the world. All of these diseases that create suffering, and often result in death for many people. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us. Open ways beyond timidity and fear in which we too easily ignore our neighbor. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in all medical professions: Caregivers, nurses, attendants, doctors, and all those who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Inspire. Give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-down, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions. Protect and guard all those who must travel. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Guide the leaders of the nations, that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation, and act with justice, so that all your family may know healing. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Heal our world, heal our bodies. Strengthen our hearts and our minds. And in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hear our cry, oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Hear our cry oh God.

Listen to our prayer.

Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your Creation. Remember us all in your love.

AMEN.

Hymn #94:

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Chat with Theo/An animated story of the Last Supper

Musical Meditation:

Gift of Love

The following readings are used in today's sermon.

NT Reading: Portions of John 13 & 14

OT Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Sermon:

The Maundy of Love

Don Opitz

Hymn #92:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Benediction:

(Modified from the breastplate of St. Patrick)

God go before you to guide you.

God go behind you to protect you.

God go beneath you to support you.

God go aside you, to befriend you.

Be not afraid.

Let the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon you, settle in and around you, and dwell in you.

Be not afraid. Go in peace.

Amen.