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LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged
in Spirit-filled Service.*



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Judas Iscariot

Betrayed by Judas, one of His twelve disciples. Betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Betrayed by Judas with a kiss—imagine that, a kiss! Betrayed by Judas in a garden east of Jerusalem called Gethsemane. Betrayed! Jesus was betrayed for us. After betraying Jesus, Judas plunges into the depths of despair. He does not return to Jesus to seek forgiveness. But this Thursday, the night Jesus is betrayed, reminds us of the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus provides for us in the Lord's Supper. May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we journey ever closer to the cross.

THE HYMN

"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

HYMN 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - raign'd; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the giving Father and of the serving Son and of the guiding Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: On the night He was to be betrayed, Jesus rose from supper, took a towel, girded Himself with it, and washed His disciples feet.

People: We come tonight to remember His humble service, and to be strengthened to be servants like Him.

Pastor: When Jesus commands us to take up the towel, how often we refuse.

People: The task of service is too menial, too unpleasant, too inconvenient. Lord Jesus, forgive us our reluctance to serve.

Pastor: On the night before He died, Jesus took bread and the cup and gave Himself to His disciples.

People: We come tonight to receive Jesus again in His holy supper and to celebrate His gift to us.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: On Maundy Thursday, as we come to the Lord's table, we receive the body and the blood of our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins and also for the strengthening of our faith. Certainly there are times when we all betray the Son of Man. We act carelessly and selfishly in the presence of our Holy God. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, our Father. O God...

People: We confess to You that we have sinned. We have betrayed You in our words, actions, and thoughts. We have acted carelessly and selfishly in Your presence. Yet, we know that our Lord, Jesus Christ died to take our sins upon Himself, and through Him we have the assurance of forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son Jesus have mercy and forgive us.

Pastor: Our merciful God has heard our plea for forgiveness and has offered His only Son to die for our forgiveness. Therefore in the

stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we

would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 13:21-30

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. ²³One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “It is He to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

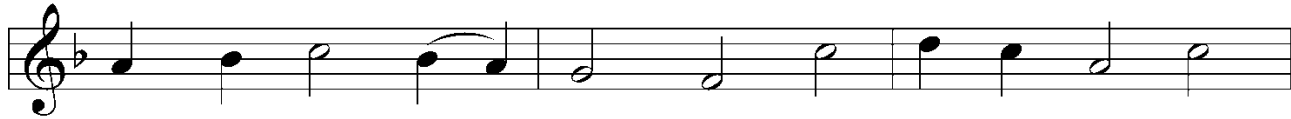
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE HYMN "A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH" HYMN 438 v 1-3



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P On this holy night in which our Lord gathered His disciples in the Upper Room, we come to You, O Lord, in His name with the concerns of our hearts for ourselves and all people.

Grant to us zeal for Your house, O Lord, and love for the things of Your kingdom, that Your Church may enjoy harmony and peace and confess Your Word with one voice before the world. Cover us with the blood of Christ and grant us Your Spirit that we walk in Your ways and do the good You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, give to Your Church faithful pastors and servants of Your Word and bless us with willing ears to hear and believe and willing voices to speak in witness what Christ has accomplished for us and our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us, O Lord, from temptation and fear that we would rejoice in what is good and right according to Your command and seek to live holy, righteous, and upright lives as Your children by Baptism and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us the blessing of good and faithful leaders who will act in accordance with Your Word, preserve us from harm, and grant us the liberty to live according to Your commands. Bless the members of the armed forces and all emergency personnel who act on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give grace to the sick and to the suffering and give Your peace to the dying, [*especially . . .*], that they be strengthened in trial and comforted in sorrow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Sustain us by the grace of this Holy Communion, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood be strengthened in faith and comforted with the promise of the forgiveness of sins and the gift of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us in the footsteps of Jesus that we may ponder Your love as we behold His cross and rejoice in what His suffering has accomplished. Bring us at last with those who have gone before us, that when Christ comes again, we who have received the foretaste of the feast would enjoy its fullness forevermore; with Christ, in Christ, and through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

You may be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

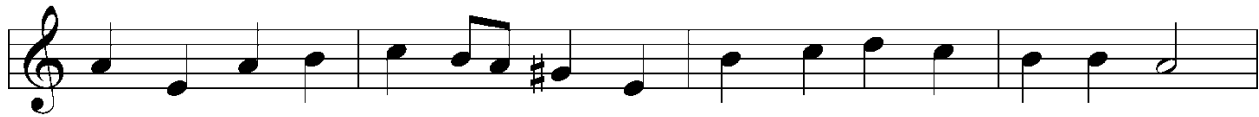
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN "ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"

HYMN 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The observance of Good Friday begins with this simple devotion at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday worship service. All altar ware and adornments are removed from the Altar—symbolic of Christ being stripped of His clothing during the crucifixion. After the stripping of the altar has been completed, portions of Psalm 22 are read by the pastor.

Our Holy Week Devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 pm.

We will return Sunday morning to celebrate the Easter message at 10:30am.