

maundy thursday

Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle

March 29, 2018

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE INVITATION

One: On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Many: The Lamb of God was betrayed by one of the twelve and gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

One: On this night Jesus taught us humility by washing the feet of his bickering disciples. And then as the Passover meal was coming to a close, he gave us a new mandate, a new commandment: To love one another as he has loved us.

Many: They left the upper room singing a hymn. Shortly thereafter, Judas who received 30 pieces of silver, would betray him with a kiss. Christ would yield in obedience to pay the terrible price for our release from sin.

One: On this day Jesus invites us to partake of the bread and the cup that we would always remember his righteous act of grace and know that forgiveness is available to us all.

ALL: Let us give thanks to God through Christ for his redeeming love.

HYMN # 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Everlasting God on this night of betrayal and denial we feel right at home with the disciples whose humanity like ours falls short of what you ask. As Jesus admonished Simon, our hearts are willing but our flesh is weak. Forgive us we pray. Let this final segment of our Lenten journey, as we follow you through your valley of death, awaken us to the promise you have made; that death will be defeated and when our numbered days come to an end you will prepare a room for us in one of your Fathers' many dwelling places. Strengthen us that we may not stumble when life causes us to feel weary and heavy laden.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness and has the courage to be *changed* by it.

Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

TORAH:

Exodus 12:1-8
Deuteronomy 12:1:14

PRESENTATION OF MARK'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT (Part I)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

PRESENTATION OF MARK'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT (Part II)

PRAYER in the manner of Rabbi Akiba

PRESENTATION OF MARK'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT (Part III)

HYMN #102

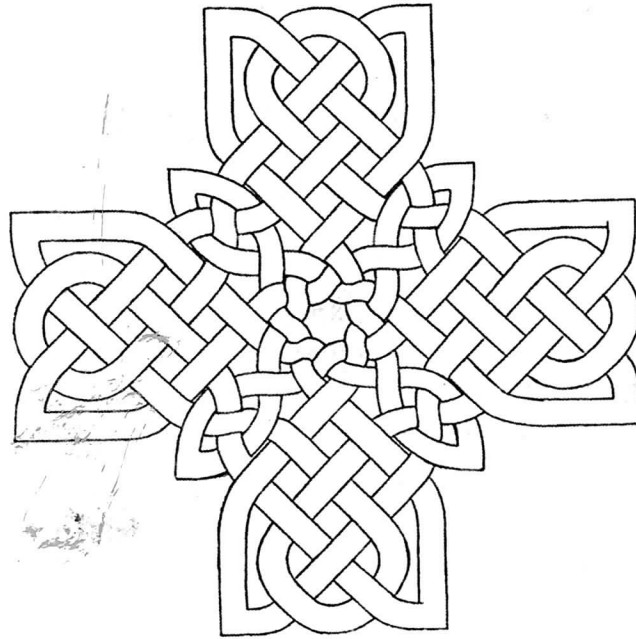
Were You There?

STRIPPING OF THE CHAPEL

Please sit in silence as the Chapel is stripped and the candles are extinguished.

DEPART IN SILENCE AND DARKNESS

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