

*Prelude*

*Improvisation*

T. Andrew

*Welcome*

**ADORATION**

*Call to Worship*

We, who call upon the name of Christ, we are gathered to recall the story of the night in which Jesus was handed over. Are we prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for us?

**By the grace of God, we are.**

Are we able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, indeed, to struggle ourselves to be in unity with God's will?

**By the grace of God, we are.**

Will we follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

**By the grace of God, we will.**

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

**Where love and charity exist—there God is.**

*Hymn 205*

*Live in Charity/Ubi Caritas*

UBI CARITAS (TAIZE)

**CONFESSION**

*Call to Confession*

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

*Prayer of Confession*

**Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Hymn*

*Kyrie eleison*

## PROCLAMATION

### *Prayer for Illumination*

#### *Scripture Readings*

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### *Sermon*

“Footsteps of Love”

Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

## RESPONSE

#### *Hymn 203*

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

#### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

##### **Invitation to the Table**

##### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

#### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*You may have your bread and juice with you, pre-prepared, and may serve others nearby and serve yourself saying, “the bread of life” for the bread and “the cup of salvation” for the cup. For those seated in the pews you may remove your mask to take the elements.*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, using all of our senses we go now from this night to your promised day. In Christ we pray. Amen**

### *Stripping of the Chancel*

#### *Hymn 204*

*Stay With Me*

STAY WITH ME

*Please depart in silence.*

*There is no Benediction, as our Holy Week journey continues with the service of Tenebrae on Good Friday, April 2 online at [www.potomacpresbyterian.org](http://www.potomacpresbyterian.org)*

We extend the prayers of the congregation to Marnel Williams on the death of her sister, Thelma Hutchinson on March 25, 2021. Cards may be sent to Marnel at 2290 SE Master Ave, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

We extend the prayers of the congregation to the family of Bob Wasik. Bob was an active member of the Wednesday Men's Book Club. Bob's wife, Mary, said that Bob "peacefully slipped away" at home on March 31 under hospice care.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew, mother of Tom Andrew; Bob Beardall, father of Matt Beardall; Louise Berman, aunt of Pastor Emily; Bob Conley; Bryan Conley, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; Josephine DiGioia, friend of Louise Plumb; Marion Fleisch, grandmother of Marianne Beardall; Elliot Friedman, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; Naomi & Bob Gerwin, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Greg Grigorian; Atef Griess, brother of Magda Shalaby; Hartzog family; Velma Killion; George Lawrence; Gloria Leber; Tyler Painter, nephew of Jon and Heather Davies; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby; and Aleta Towle, cousin of Sally O'Neal.*

*Marye Cotton* has been hospitalized, please hold her in your prayers. Bill has requested no phone calls, only prayers and cards (11816 Winterset Terrace, Potomac, Maryland 20854; [wmrcot@verizon.net](mailto:wmrcot@verizon.net); [maryecotton@verizon.net](mailto:maryecotton@verizon.net)).

*We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.*

*We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.*

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at [emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org) or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.