

Prelude

Gathering of the People

Gathering in Silence

Call to Worship

Leader:

On this holy night, Christ gathers with his friends. He kneels to serve, even as the cross draws near.

People:

**We come to remember his love—
a love poured out in humble service.**

Leader:

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another."

People:

As he has loved us, so we will love one another.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, on this night of remembrance, we gather at the table with your Son. Wash us in your mercy, cleanse us from pride and fear, and teach us the way of humble love. As we walk with Christ through this sacred story, open our hearts to receive his grace and to follow his commandment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", # 320

Call to Confession

Jesus knelt before his disciples and washed their feet, showing us that no act of love is beneath us. Yet we often resist both serving and being served. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, on this holy night we confess how far we are from living as your people. You call us to love one another, yet we choose comfort over compassion. You call us to serve one another, yet we cling to power and pride. You call us to humility, yet we resist kneeling before others. Like Peter, we struggle to be washed by you—unwilling to admit our need, unwilling to receive your grace.

(Silent Confession)

Forgive us, Lord. Wash us clean in your mercy. Teach us to love as Christ has loved us, and to serve as Christ has served us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, as we remember the night Jesus gathered with his disciples, break open your word to us as bread for our souls. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-14

John 13:1-35

Sermon "Love in the Shadow of Betrayal"

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", # 321

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the symbols of the body and blood of your Son. Send us out to love and serve as Christ has loved and served us, in his holy name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord", (1-3)

Benediction

(Depart in silence)

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Rev. David Snyder

Rev. Stephen Nash



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