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Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 17, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Greeting:

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

**And we loved darkness rather than light.** *(United Methodist Book of Worship, 20th Century)*

A Prayer for Maundy Thursday:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *(Book of Common Prayer, 20th century)*

Opening Hymn:  *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* UMH, 286

Psalm 116:

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,

**and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

**I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!”**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

**our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent;

**when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

**in the land of the living.**

I kept my faith, even when I said,

**“I am greatly afflicted.”**

I said in my consternation,

**“All humans are a vain hope.”**

What shall I return to the Lord

**for all the good the things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

**and call upon the name of the Lord,**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord

**is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

**in the presence of all his people,**

in the courts of the Lord’s house,

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Special Music Pastor Adam

 The Passion of Jesus Christ According to St. John

*The readings are a translation of John 18:1-19:42 by James H. Charlesworth (Princeton University). Charlesworth’s translation reflects a special sensitivity to Judaism, Jesus’ Jewishness, and the Jewish origins of Christianity. This year, as in many years, Holy Week and the week of Passover coincide.*

A Comment

Hymn: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* UMH, 618

Service of Holy Communion UMH, 12-14

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *“Were You There”*  UMH, 288

Dismissal:

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this day and always. **Amen.**

Going Forth: *(All depart in silence)*

