

grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Choir Anthem

Institution Luke 22:7-23

Sharing God's Provisions *(please enjoy the fellowship around your tables)*

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture Luke 20:9-19, 22:1-6, 22:39-53, 22:63-71

Hymn *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* **201**

Scripture Luke 23:1-25 & Isaiah 50:4-9a

Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* **190**

Scripture Luke 23:26-43 & Psalm 31:9-16

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **198**

Scripture Luke 23:44-56

Prayer of Sending

God of love, truly we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, who offered himself in humble service to his disciples even on the night he was betrayed. Truly you shine in our hearts when we show your love to others in Christlike acts of service and fellowship.

We leave this place eager to reflect the glory of Christ, our source of hope and life, our Teacher and Lord, who laid down his life so that we might live. Amen.

Maundy Thursday Service
Niskayuna Reformed Church
April 18, 2019
6:30 pm



The Lord be with you...

And also with you.

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the men and women who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. *[Silence]*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us. *[Silence]*

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life. *[Silence]*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ we are forgiven. And through him God abides with even us.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Communion

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast

of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

Here is the bread of life given for us;

let all who hunger come and eat.

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

let all who thirst come and drink.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O God our Creator. Source of all life and goodness, you created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty and preserve us by your providence.

When we disobeyed, you sent Jesus to deliver us from sin and death and free us to joyful obedience.

With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these