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HOLY THURSDAY

TAIZÉ SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

SEVEN O'CLOCK

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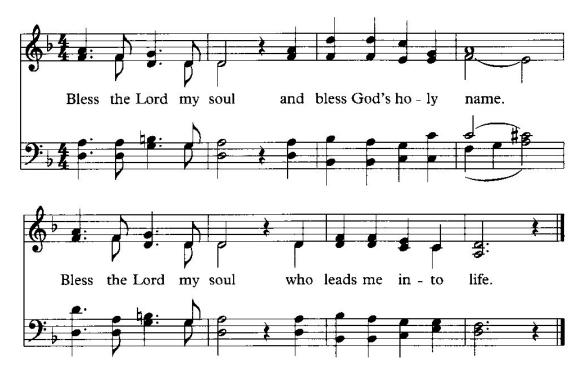
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EVENING TAIZÉ SERVICE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 | 7:00 PM

ENTER IN SILENCE

*OPENING HYMN
TFWS No. 2013 | Bless the Lord



THE FIRST LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT | Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts

*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.

and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN UMH No. 488 | Jesus, Remember Me



THE SECOND LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT | Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay 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 serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

TFWS No. 2195 | In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful



THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT | I Corinthians 11:23-26

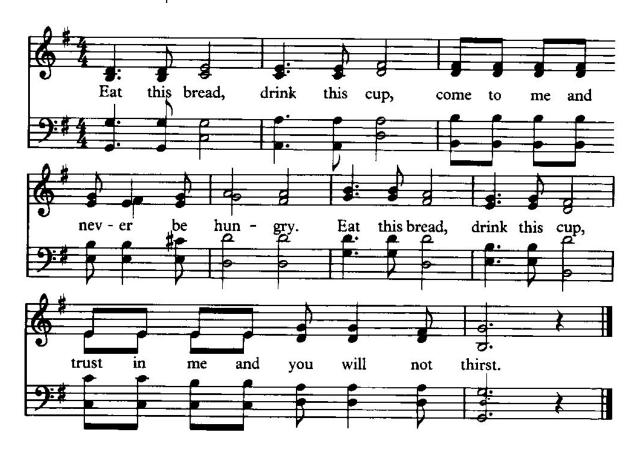
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN
UMH No. 628 | Eat This Bread



THE GOSPEL LESSON | John 13:1-17, 31b-35

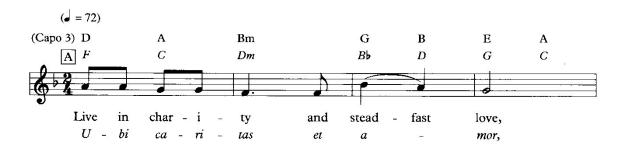
Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

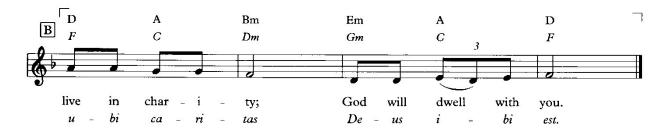
Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Minister: The Gospel of Our Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN

TFWS No. 2179 | Live in Charity





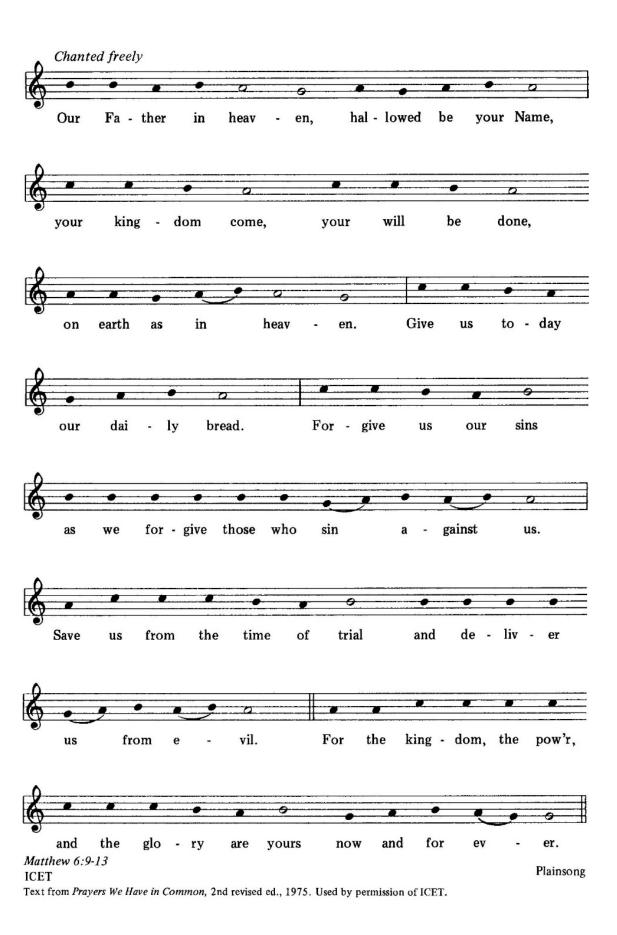
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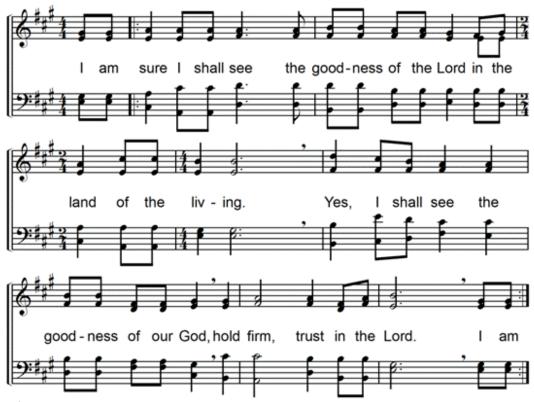
Minister: Let us pray:

People: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

*CHANTING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER | See next page

Minister: With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:





Ten-go fe que ve-ré la di-cha del Se-ñor por sen-de-ros de vi-da. Sí, voy a ver la di-cha del Se-ñor. Ten fir-me_el co-ra-zón. / So-no cer-to, ve-drò la sal-vez-za del Si-gnor nel-la ter-ra dei vi-ven-ti. Sì, io ve-drò la bon-tà del nos-tro Di-o, sii for-te, spe-ra nel Si-gnor. / Wie-rzę w_to, uf-ność mam, że uj-rzę do-broć Bo-ga w _kra-i-nie ży-ją-cych. Tak, pew-ność mam i nie za-wio-dę się, to w_Nim na-dzie-ja jest. / Det er vist, jeg skal se Guds god-hed i de le-ven-des land, stol på Her-ren. Ja, sæt dit håb til Her-ren og vær stærk, fat mod, hjer-te, vær stærk. / S ví-rou dál vy-hlí-žím vše, čím Bůh ob-da-ří věr-né své v ze-mi ži-vých. S dů-věr-ou dou-fám v je-ho spa-se-ní, v něm tou-žím pev-ně stát. / U-sun kind-lalt, et näen kord e-la-va-te maal mei-e Is-san-da hea-dust. Is-san-da hea-dust e-la-va-te maal ma näen, oo-ta-ma jään. / Pääl-lä maan luot-taa saan jo Her-ran hy-vyy-teen, ker-ran sen vie-lä koh-taan. Niin, näh-dä ker-ran hy-vyy-ten-sä saan, siis luo-ta Ju-ma-laan. / Ik sil sjen, dat is wis, de goe-dens fan de Hear yn it lân fan it lib-ben. Ja, ik sil sjen de goe-dens fan ús God. Wês sterk, leau yn de Hear. / Ve-ru-jem, vi-del bom Go-spo-do-vo do-bro-to v de-že-li vseh ži-vih. Res bom pre-jel do-bro-to od Bo-ga, za-u-pam v Kri-stu-sa. / Jag är viss om att mö-ta Her-rens god-het här i den värld där vi le-ver. Ja, vi skall mö-ta Her-rens god-het här, fat-ta mod, hop-pas på Gud. / Da-ma gëm, di-naa gis baa-xaa-yu Bo-room bi ci— suu-fu ñuy dun-de, waaw, di-naa gis baa-xaa-yu Bo-room bi, am fit, Bo-room be woor!

(Je le crois, je verrai la bonté du Seigneur sur la terre des vivants. Prends cœur et espère en Dieu. / Ich bin gewiss, zu schauen die Güte des Herrn im Land der Lebenden. Hab festen Mut, und hoffe auf den Herrn. *Ps 27, 13*)

Music: Taizé

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What is a Taizé Prayer Service?

Taizé Prayer Service is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. Services last about 30-40 minutes.

Taizé Prayer is named for the ecumenical Christian community formed in Taizé, France during World War II. Today the Taizé community includes brothers from all Christian denominations, including Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox traditions.

WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE | We have a shuttle service that runs between the AT&T parking deck (located at 759 West Peachtree Street) and church on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30am. Don't forget to bring your parking ticket to church with you for validation (see the usher for assistance).

PRAYER REQUESTS | Let us pray for you. Prayer request cards are located in the pews. Please return your request to the offering plate or the prayer boxes in the Narthex.

FOOD & BEVERAGES | Please no food or open containers in the Sanctuary.

HYMNALS | We sing from 2 hymnals, including the red *United Methodist Hymnal* located in the pew racks and the black *The Faith We Sing*, located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals and Bibles are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

HEARING & VISUAL AIDS | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS | Men's & Women's restrooms are located just outside the chapel. As you exit the sanctuary turn left. Once you reach the chapel, turn left then immediately right. The Women's restroom is the third door on the left. For the men's restroom, pass the Women's restroom and the Men's restroom is just around the corner. Gender Neutral & ADA restrooms are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

PEW CUSHIONS | Need some extra cushion for the pew? Ask an usher for a pew cushion.

HOLY WEEK REMINDERS

Friday, April 7, 2023 | Good Friday

- Ecumenical Midtown Stations of the Cross at 1:30 pm starting at All Saints' 634 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA US 30308
- Service at 7 pm | Sanctuary & Facebook LIVE

Saturday, April 8, 2023

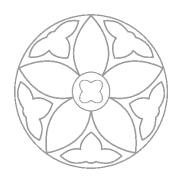
Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza from 12 - 2 pm

Sunday, April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7 am | Front Steps
- Service with Choir and Brass at both 9 am & 11 am
- Holy Communion at 9 am
- Reception of New Members at 11 am
- Bring your Milk Money donation with you.
- Easter Sunday Brunch after 11 am service
- Bring flowers to decorate the cross outside.

Monday, April 10, 2023 | Easter Monday

Church Offices - Closed



SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOME STATEMENT

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Service Leader: Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual

Conference

Liturgists: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

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Usher Team: Joel Black & Roger Brown

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