Welcome & Opening Sentences

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment
that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us,
let us love one another.

Centering Hymn #202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1 An up-per room did our Lord pre-pare for those he
2 A last-ing gift Je-sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af-ter sup-per he washed their feet, for ser-vice,
4 No end there is! We de-part in peace. He loves be-

lived un-til the end: and his dis-ci-ples still
bread, his lov-ing cup. What-ev-er bur-dens may
too, is sac-ra-ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut-ter-most: in ev-ery room in our

gath-er there to cel-e-brate their ris-en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com-plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa-ther’s house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Bidding Prayer
Invitation

The Great 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.

Blessed are you, God, ruler of the universe.
You made us in your image
to live in the covenant of your everlasting love.
You carried your people from slavery to freedom,
and delivered us from death into life.

Thank you for Jesus, our Passover Lamb,
who offered his life for us,
and gave us the commandment to love one another.
We bless you, O God, for you bless our Lord’s Supper.

We thank you for Jesus,
the way, the truth, and the life,
who on the night he was betrayed
took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his followers, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body which is for you.

Blessed are you, O God,
for yours is the power, now and forever.

We thank you for Jesus, who took the cup, saying,
This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you.
When you drink it, remember me.

Blessed are you, O God,
for yours is the glory, now and forever.

Send your Holy Spirit to bless these offerings
and renew us in Christ.
Perfect in us the love that casts out fear
and give all who share in this communion
the fullness of your Spirit
for the forgiveness of sin,
resurrection from the pit,
and new life in your realm, which has no end.

Blessed are you, O God,
for yours is the kingdom, now and forever.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest!

Blessed are you, O God, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread & Cup

All are welcome. The Session has authorized the serving of communion remotely due to the inability of our congregation to gather in person. Our denomination has given permission for congregations to do so during this time. All are welcome to participate as we partake in communion as one body, united by Christ in the Holy Spirit. You are invited to use elements that you have in your home, some sort of bread and fruit of the vine.

Song During Communion

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

Laura Hepburn & Barb Vaughan

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

On the night he was betrayed – his last night with his disciples; his friends – Jesus expressed lavish love for them. Jesus modeled a sacrificial love throughout his life and in his death and this night we recognize Christ’s abundant love for us. After each reading, during the singing of the refrain, extinguish one of the candles on your table. As the room darkens, we are reminded that Jesus, too, was alone, in the dark, on this final night of his life.

John 13:1-5

Loretta Grattas-Bremer

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.

John 13:6-8

Amy Malone

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.”

Shadows lengthen into night.

John 13:9-11

Paul Banovic

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.”

Shadows lengthen into night.

John 13:12-14

Kay Kelly

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.

Shadows lengthen into night.
John 13:15-17  
Sue Kovalick

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.

Shadows lengthen into night.

John 13: 34-35  
Phyllis DiFrancesco

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.”

Shadows lengthen into night.

John 13:36-38  
Matt Booth

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.”

Shadows lengthen into night.

Music for Reflection  
Were You There  
Laura Hepburn & Barb Vaughan

Tolling of the Bell

The bell will chime 33 times, one for each of the years of Christ’s life.
After the final toll, please prayerfully depart in silence  
as we proceed toward Good Friday, reflecting on Christ’s final hours on earth.