

♪ Oh sacred head, now wounded ♪ ♪ With grief and shame weighed down ♪ ♪ Now scornfully surrounded ♪ ♪
With thorns thy holy crown ♪ ♪ How pale thou art with anguish ♪ ♪ With sore abuse and scorn ♪ ♪ How does
that visage languish ♪ ♪ Which once was bright as morn ♪ (solemn organ music plays) (solemn organ music
continues) (congregation sings indistinctly) ♪ Amen! ♪

Priest: On this holy Maundy Thursday, when Christians throughout the world will gather to commemorate and to celebrate the Last Supper of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is fitting that we share in a service that Christians around the world have used. And for that reason, we have chosen tonight to have the service which was used at the recent meeting of the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. There are some changes, but I invite you to join with whole spirit and heart and mind as we share together in this most meaningful and rich liturgy. The old order is passing away. Your new order, God, has already begun, and we are numbered among its signs. Through Your Spirit, in our hearts, You set us free and taught us to call You parent. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) You have opened our eyes, given us hope that we shall live in the glorious liberty of the children of God, but not alone. Not while others remain poor, broken-hearted, imprisoned, blind, and bruised yet. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) So, God, we pray for our brothers and sisters, Your family, oppressed by ignorance and poverty caught in a web of injustice and apathy, cut off from one another by language, culture, color, class, creed, and sex. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) Through education, may the powerless be led to self-discovery, the despised find new dignity, the dispossessed be enabled to claim their place in the community of free people. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) Give to your church, a vision of a total liberation of humanity, grant us the wisdom to hear the voice of the foolish of the world. The strength of the weak, that through those who are nothing, we may understand the word of Christ. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) But we tend to love darkness, rather than light. We shrink from the responsibility of freedom, the uncertainty of the desert, the conflict of the cross. We keep turning back, preferring the security of slavery to the adventure of The Promised Land. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) Call us, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may follow. May we follow you, not only as one who goes ahead, but as one who journeys with us. Lord Jesus Christ, freeing us, uniting us. Let us be content to learn the meaning of your way as we walk in it. Amen. God is faithful and just. And as many as confessed their sins, His faithfulness and justice will forgive, cleanse and make new. And so sisters and brothers in the name of Christ, I declare our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. Amen. (organ plays optimistic music) (congregation sings indistinctly) We are not alone. We live in God's world.

- [Congregation And Priest] We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come into truly human Jesus to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others by the spirit. We trust God who calls us to be the church to celebrate life and its fullness, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen our judge and our hope in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Priest 2: Our scripture lesson is found in the 13th chapter of the gospel of John, reading verses one through

15. "Now, before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world, to the Father, having loved His own, who are in the world. He loved them to the end and during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. He came to Simon Peter, and Peter said to him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" And Jesus answered him. "What I'm doing, you do not know now, but afterward you will understand. Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him. "If I do not wash your feet, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who was to betray Him. That was why He said, "You are not all clean." And when He had washed their feet and taken His garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you know what I've done to you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and you are right, for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet for I have given you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." May God's blessings be upon this reading from His word. Let us pray. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Our scripture passage recounts that strange experience of foot washing. It is strange, not because- (choral music begins abruptly) ♪ I sacrifice them to His blood ♪ ♪ See from His head, His hands, His feet ♪ ♪ Sorrow and love flow mingled down ♪ ♪ Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ♪ ♪ Or thorns compose so rich a crown? ♪ ♪ Were the whole realm of nature mine ♪ ♪ That were a present far too small ♪ ♪ Love so amazing, so divine ♪ ♪ Demands my soul ♪ ♪ my life ♪ ♪ my all! ♪ ♪ Amen! ♪ (upbeat organ music plays) ♪ Thou rushing wind that art so strong ♪ ♪ Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a long ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Thou fire so masterful and bright, ♪ ♪ that givest all both warmth and light, ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Alleluia ♪ ♪ Alleluia! ♪ ♪ Amen! ♪

Bishop Garrison: Almighty God, in this moment, we are reminded that Thou hast given Thine all for us. We pray Thy blessing upon us, as we have brought these gifts. Grant that we may consecrate to Thee not merely this substance, but our whole lives as well. In Christ's dear name, we pray, Amen.

Priest 1: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Lord, That when He was at table with two of the disciples, He took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were open and they recognized Him. (congregation mutters indistinctly) For the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Lift up your hearts,

Congregation: We lift them up.

Bishop Garrison: Let us give thanks to God. (congregation murmurs indistinctly) We give you thanks, God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer for bringing the world into being, for forming persons in Your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against You, and for keeping the world in Your steadfast love. We praise you, especially, for Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary and lived as one of us, who knew exactly the life we know

and yet, was obedient to Your purposes even to death on a cross. We thank you that You stamped Christ's death with victory, we rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit in the church You have gathered. In its task of obedience and in the promise of eternal life, with the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy, Your holy name. (congregation mutters indistinctly) Therefore, bless now by Your word and spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, That in receiving them at this table and in offering here, our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another. And remain faithful to the tasks he sets before us. (congregation murmurs indistinctly)

- [Marianne Garrison] And the broken bread. We participate in the body of Christ.

Priest 1: Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives. Come, now, for all things are ready. We invite you, now, to come gather around the table of our Lord. The choir will come first, making a circle around the table as we receive, now, the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (soft orchestral music plays) Amen. (choir sings hymn indistinctly) (soft choral music begins) ♪ Let all mortal flesh keep silence ♪ ♪ And with fear and trembling stand ♪ ♪ Ponder nothing earthly-minded ♪ ♪ For with blessing in his Hand ♪ ♪ Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, ♪ ♪ Our full homage to demand ♪ ♪ King of kings, yet born of Mary ♪ ♪ As of old on earth, he stood ♪ ♪ Lord of lords, in human vesture ♪ ♪ In the body and the blood ♪ ♪ He will give to all the faithful ♪ ♪ His own self for heavenly food ♪

Priest 2: Go in peace, and may the blessing of God, the Father Almighty, be with you now and always. Amen.

Priest 1: If there are others to be served, let us know, and we will serve you where you are seated. Would you join with me, now, in a prayer of Thanksgiving?

- [Congregation And Priest] Let us give thanks, we give thanks almighty, all loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your child, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, Increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Priest 1: You have given yourself to us, o Lord.

Congregation: You have given yourself to us.

Priest 1: Your love has made us a new people.

Congregation: As a people of love, we will serve you with joy

Priest 1: Your glory has filled our hearts.

Congregation: Help us to glorify you in all things.

Priest 1: Amen. At this time, we would like to join in the exchange of peace, which is an old Christian

tradition, whereby one Christian greets another. It may simply be, "God loves you." "I love you." "The peace of God be with you." "The love of God be with you." Whatever word of love and assurance you want to share. We invite you now to do this, but before we do this, I'd like to say just one word, Bishop and Mrs. Edwin Garrison will soon be leaving the duke community. He had our prayer of dedication tonight and offered the prayers of dismissal for the tables, as we shared the body and blood of Christ. This is just one of many ways in which he and Mrs. Garrison have graced our company during the three years that they have been in the duke community. They will be going back to Indiana sometime this summer, this may or may not be the last public worship experience in which he will lead us. But I would like to say to him that we are grateful indeed, Bishop Garrison, for what you and Marianne have meant to us. And we wish you God's warmest, richest blessings, as you continue your ministry in the name and in the spirit of Christ, and as the two of you share the warmest of love, wherever you go. Thank you for celebrating with us tonight. And so, as we greet one another here, we invite you to stand and exchange whatever greeting, in the name of Christ, you wish at this moment.