

Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, *Helmut Walcha*

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn 203: "Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Confession (unison)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Pardon

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: John 15:12-17

Second Reading: John 13:1-15

Third Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon: "Towel and Table: Love as Service and Sacrifice"

*Hymn 228: "Were You There"

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People: Versets on Pange Lingua, *Gian Domenico Cattenacci*

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 221: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Please Depart in Silence