



Homer United Methodist Church

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Poetry Prayer¹

Until That Day

Leah Dunn

Centering

- gather your communion elements – bread and juice or something like them, light a candle, and remember that wherever you are, we are standing on the same holy ground

Call to Worship²

Jesus of Nazareth,
If the disciples had known
That the last supper would be their last meal with you
Before the crucifixion,
I bet they would have listened differently.

Help us to listen.

I bet they would have put down their arguments,
And leaned in with their whole bodies.
I bet they would have asked questions
And stopped the small talk.
I bet they would have taken notes and hung on your every word.
Help us to listen.

Jesus of Nazareth, we want to listen like that.
We want to listen like tonight might be the last time you speak.

¹ Prayer by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

² All liturgy adapted from prayers by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

We want to listen like everything could change tomorrow.

We want to listen like our souls depend on it.

Help us to listen.

Gracious God, clear away anything in us that might distract.

Clear away anything in us that might hinder our hearing and receiving of your word.

We are listening. Amen.

Opening Song

WORDS: Graham Kendrick

MUSIC: Graham Kendrick

CCLI Song # 983717

CCLI # 11365960

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine

Ola Mullikin

Scripture

Matthew 26:17-29

"On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." ' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'"

Reflection

Again and Again: We Are Held Together

Pastor Lisa

Special thanks to Joe Talbott for baking bread.

Prepare for Holy Communion

Clear your space and set out your communion elements.

The Lord's Supper³

Pastor Lisa

Response: Your steadfast love endures forever!

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As beloved children of God, let us pray the prayer our brother taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Receiving the Lord's Supper

If you are alone, imagine Christ's own hands serving these elements to you.

If you are with others, serve one another communion, saying: The body and blood of Christ, given for you.

Song of Response

Bread of the World

Ola Mullikin

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MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody – public domain

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Benediction

In the name of God the Lover, God the Beloved, and God who is Love itself,

Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.

Amen.

³ Adapted from <http://louisiana-email.brtapp.com/files/virtualcommunion/a+eucharistic+prayer+for+the+global+pandemic+.pdf>