



***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
10785 Melody Drive – Northglenn CO 80234  
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***Maundy Thursday***

*A service of word, sacrament, and darkness*

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**Opening Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer**

**God, we lay you down, and you rise again.  
We pack you up, but you don't stay within.  
We walk away, and you trail on our heels.  
We lock up our hearts, try to force you to steal.**

**We put you in our pockets, but you radiate peace.  
We bury our hearts, but you continue to beat.  
We hold our breath, but you make us breathe.  
We try to sleep, but you find our dreams.**

**We deny your name, and still you're there.  
We paid them in silver, and still you care.  
We turn our backs, but you don't go anywhere.  
We throw stones, and you whisper a prayer.**

**God, we have pushed you out in every way,  
again and again, countless times per day.  
And you still say our names like lines from a love song,  
refusing to deny that we belong.**

**So forgive us, we pray,  
because tomorrow will be the same.  
We will lay you down, and you will rise again.  
We will pack you up; please don't stay within.**

**Amen.**

## **Water**

Hymn 492 - Baptized in Water  
Reading – John 13:1-11  
Hear – Poetic reflection on Water  
Respond – Remembrance of Baptism

## **Bread**

Hymn 513 - Let Us Break Bread Together  
Read – Matthew 26:17-30  
Hear – Poetic reflection on Bread  
Respond – Communion

## **Silver**

Hymn 102 – Were You There  
Read – John 13:21-30  
Hear – Poetic reflection on Silver  
Respond – Confession (in unison)

**Creator God,  
We would like to tell you that we get lost because the road isn't paved,  
not obviously marked by palm fronds or light.  
However, that would be an excuse, for we know the truth –  
A path was cleared and still we strayed.**

**And we would like to tell you that we get lost  
and walk away from your open arms,  
because someone led us so it's not our fault.  
But we all know that's wrong.**

**Today we thought we knew it all,  
and we found someone else at fault.  
Today we held our anger like a sword,  
and cut down another – word by word.  
Today we held greed close to our hearts,  
and let walls be built, pulling us apart.  
Today we loved ourselves, but didn't love you,  
and tomorrow we'll probably fall victim to that too.**

**Creator God, forgive us.  
Paved or not, we will stray. We did today, and we'll do it again.  
So please don't give up on us in the end.  
For we need you every step of the way.  
Loving God, guide our way. Amen.**

## **Tenebrae**

*Following our communal prayer of confession, the church will enter a state of darkness. At the end of worship, the space will be stripped of all hopeful reminders of Jesus' light to help move us from the comfort of the Last Supper to the pain of the garden and the cross. Once the sanctuary has been stripped, please depart in silence.*