# MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord Jesus, because of you, true greatness is now measured in being a servant rather than the master. You have changed the value and price tags for *everything*. We tremble to ask this, but expose our pride; humble our attitudes; and soften our hearts. Make us prefer the hidden place of service over the public place of being noticed. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Master and servant of all. Amen.

# PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

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# A WORD OF THANKS

## TRINITY WELCOME

# THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will really be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

-Albert Schweitzer

God is not greater if you reverence him, but you are greater if you serve him.

-St. Augustine

# **CALL TO WORSHIP** (stand)

Leader: Jesus says, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them.

All: Not so with you.

Leader: Instead, whoever wants to become great must be your servant.

All: And whoever wants to be first must be a last of all.

Leader: For even the Son did not come to be served,

All: But to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.



### THE CONFESSION

Compassionate God, your love for us is unquestionable, your grace is deeper than the ocean, your wisdom beyond measure. Yet, our response to your greatness is often shallow and hesitant. We fine-tune excuses and drum up questions. We miss your call to servanthood because we are looking for higher positions, better perks, lasting privileges. We long for recognition, for someone to say, "Thank you."Holy God, teach us the joy of serving with glad and willing hearts. Remind us that no act of kindness is ever forgotten by you. Reassure us of your love that turns our hesitant witness into faithful discipleship. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## THE LESSON

Mark 9: 33-35

Here Jesus tells His disciples, while at Capernaum on the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee, whom He considers to be great, namely, the person who serves others.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

# The Gospel

John 13:1-17

As John tells the story of Jesus' life, this takes place before Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection during a Jerusalem Passover Meal setting where He takes the role of a servant, with the meal guests, before the meal is served.

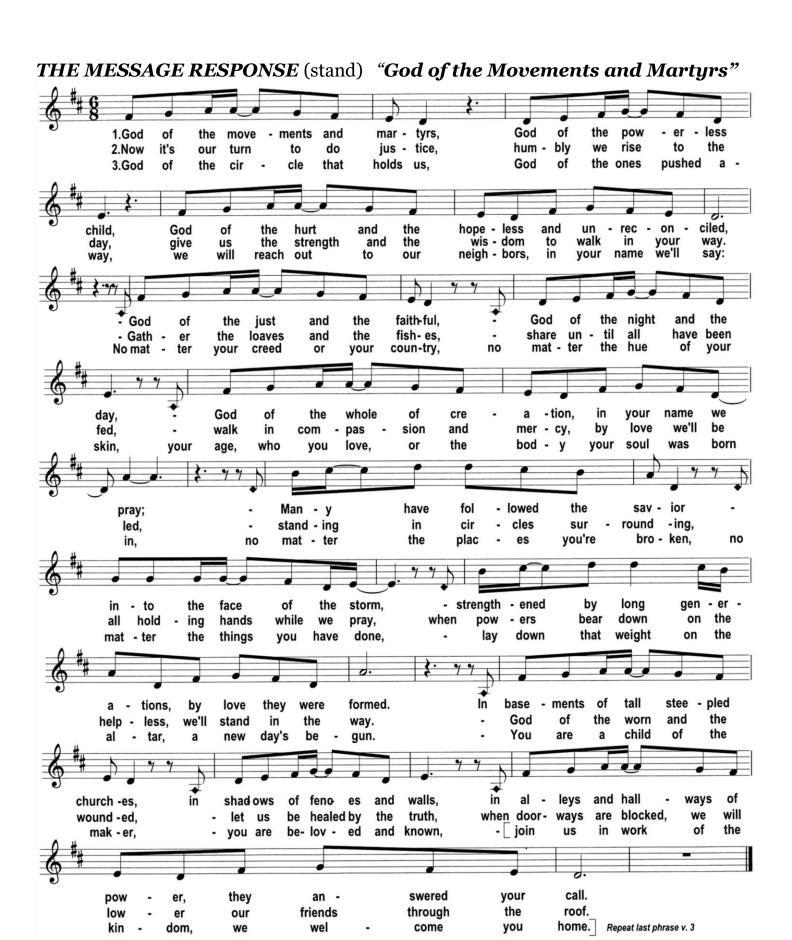
Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 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. 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.' 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.'

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. 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.

**MESSAGE** 

The Servant King

**Pastor David Schoob** 



## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

One: He was turned in by a greedy turncoat.

All: He was opposed by religious authorities.

One: He was deserted by all the disciples.

All: He was suspected by the military of treason.

One: He was jeered by a thief.

All: He was rejected by the very people who once adored him.

One: He was executed by the civil authorities.

All: And he gave himself for all of them and all of us.

One: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat it, this is my body."

In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, "Drink this because this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me."

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

## THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Now may the risen Christ be with us as we seek to follow his example: forgiving and not hating, uplifting and not tearing down, serving instead of being served and doing all things to the glory of God the Father. In his precious name, we pray.

People: Amen.

# THE SENDING SONG "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# We Thank our Worship Assistants

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

**Record Online Service:** Mike Tikusis **Scripture Introductions:** Paul Bauman

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