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### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

7:30 p.m.

March 24, 2005

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: #37 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

#### \*RESPONSIVE LITANY

**PASTOR:** Almighty God, help us to be aware of those events that caused Jesus to be taken to the cross. As we become mindful of those who confronted him with betrayal, denial, rejection, injustice, torture, ridicule and mockery, we realize that these same traits may be found in our lives.

**PEOPLE:** Help us to re-examine our inner selves in this hour, as we reflect upon the lives of those who failed our Savior.

**PASTOR:** If we have crucified him anew, grant us forgiveness and cleanse our lives of sin.

**PEOPLE:** Uplift us that we might see beyond the shadows of the cross, and find the spirit of Him who came as the light of the world.

#### \*INVOCATION AND THE HAYR MER (IN UNISON)

Father in Heaven, we would express our gratitude to You for revealing the greatness of Your salvation for man through the Christ and His death on Calvary. May the cross become for us a symbol of Your love and concern for man. Sustain us as we would attempt to carry our own cross through life, and challenge us that we might be faithful to You to the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

\*HAYR MER -#133

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#### SCRIPTURE READING:

*Armenian: Mark 14:16-26 (pp. 1579-80) – Taline Hagopian*

*English: John 18:28-37 (pp.1682-83) – Frances Garabedian*

*John 19:12-16 (p. 1684) – Rosette Tootikian*

*Mark 15:1-15 (p. 1582) – Araxie Terian*

#### NOTICES AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY WITH SOLO - *"Gethsemane" - Gayaneh Kachadourian*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

**PASTOR:** We thank you, O Lord our God, that you loved us so much that you gave your Son as a ransom for our salvation.

**PEOPLE:** We thank you, O Lord, that Jesus Christ is the manifestation of your infinite love for us.

**PASTOR:** On this Maundy Thursday, we remember his new mandate, the new commandment "that we love one another."

**PEOPLE:** We remember his humility and service in washing the feet of his disciples on the night of his betrayal.

**PASTOR:** We remember Jesus' desire to eat the Passover with his disciples before he went to the Cross.

**PEOPLE:** Put in our hearts the desire to be in communion with him always.

**PASTOR:** As we commemorate his Last Supper, we remember how he took bread, after giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**PEOPLE:** Grant that coming to him as "the Bread of Life," we may never hunger.

**PASTOR:** We also remember his words, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**PEOPLE:** Grant that believing in him we may never thirst.

**UNISON:** Help us, O Lord, to remember that as often as we partake of the bread and drink of the cup of the new covenant, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Amen.

SOLO - *Gayaneh Kachadourian*

MESSAGE - *What Is the Cross All About?*

HYMN: #34 *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:** 1. The Giving of the Bread .  
2. The Giving of the Cup

(Ours is an open Communion, all those who believe in the Lord Jesus, and accept Him as Lord and Savior, are cordially invited to share this Sacrament with us. In accordance with our custom, we suggest that as an act of Christian community, each communicant hold the elements [first, the bread; then, the cup] until all have been served. Then, with the Minister, partake together, so that none may be first and none last at the Table of the Lord.)

\*HYMN - #250 *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*\* Congregation is requested to stand*

*\*\*\* Latecomers to be seated*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GRATEFUL THANKS** to Gayaneh Kachadourian, our soloist for her participation in this evening's Service. Also, we express our heartfelt gratitude to our Choir Director/Organist, Matthew deRaad, and Choir members for their valuable services during this holy season. Grateful thanks to the Scripture readers: Taline Hagopian, Frances Garabedian, Rosette Tootikian and Araxie Terian.

**FOLLOWING THIS EVENING'S SERVICE**, there will be a coffee hour, in the Social Hall, also a video presentation prepared by Lucy Janjigian and slide presentation on the Holy Land by David Terzibashian.

**THE ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP**, will be held on Easter Sunday morning, March 27, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Donation: \$6.00 per person. Easter Services are at 11:00 a.m.

**THE MARCH BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING** is postponed to Sunday, April 3, 2005, following the Coffee Hour.

**THE MARCH ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 10, 2005, following the Coffee Hour.

**DETROIT UNITED COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE** invites all to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, located on 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, (between Greenfield and Southfield Roads), on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 2:00-4:30 p.m. for the observation of the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Keynote speaker: The Hon. U.S. Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, and guest speaker: Richard J. Kalinoski.

**OUR OFFERING TONIGHT** will be used for two purposes: one half will go to Armenia for needy families; the other half, for our youth ministry.

### **SET CLOCKS FORWARD ON APRIL 3, 2005**

It's time again to set your clocks forward on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Before you retire on Saturday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, set your clocks ahead one hour. Remember, Spring, forward! Daylight savings time begins.