

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days (or Triduum) of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “commandment. As recorded on the last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). Historically, Maundy Thursday services have often included the washing of feet and/or communion in recognition and remembrance of the acts Christ shared with his disciples on this night. Our service tonight will end in silence, encouraging us to mediate upon the events of the next several days.



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Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023—Maundy Thursday

SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: You have inclined your ear to me; therefore, I will call on you as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name, O God.

All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" O WALY WALY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we admit that we are not always that willing to love one another, especially when others have wronged us for whatever reasons. We hold grudges rather than speaking to our aggressors. We talk about them rather than to them. As Judas betrayed Jesus we continue to deceive the risen Christ. As we partake of the Lord's Supper the table is not yet spread with good will. Forgive our reluctance to humble ourselves and wash us anew with the waters of new life! *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As Jesus washed the disciples' feet, we are washed anew with the waters of our baptism. As we have died with Christ in a death like his, we shall arise to new life in a resurrection like his. Therein lies our assurance. Friends, believe the good news...

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

John 13:1-17, 31-35

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 228

"Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

THE SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 53:1-9

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

Serving Today (April 6—Maundy Thursday/Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Ellen Watts

Element Prep: Nancy Bolen, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Ellen Watts, Rusty Sudderth

Lynda Self, Skip Smith

Serving Sunday (Apr 9—Easter/Communion)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Priscilla Henderson, Shari Downing,

Nancy Bolen, Tom Parker