



Maundy Thursday

A Service of Holy Communion with Foot Washing

April 18, 2019 7:15 pm

Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

Tonight, we gather to commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his friends on the night before he died. The word Maundy means command, and refers to the commandment Jesus gives us to love one another, and is symbolized by the washing of feet (or hands). Please feel welcome to participate in worship tonight as the Spirit leads you.

Call to Worship

This is a day to remember.

We remember the Passover that Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember his night along in the garden in prayer.

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of his friend.

We remember this day and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and now.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from different places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service, and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer, Amen.

Choral Response: Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

#579

Special Music "God of Calvary" *Stephan Palermo*

The Lessons

Prayer for Illumination

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Anthem "Take Me to the Cross"

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Washing of the Feet

Those who desire to have their hands or feet washed are invited to come to the semi-circle of chairs. Please remove your shoes and socks. You may choose to have one or both feet washed.

Prayers of the People

Response: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

The Foot Washing

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The 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.

Communion of the People (“Jesus, Remember Me” - #227)

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #216

Blessing and Benediction

Go forth from this place, in Christ's name, to bring consolation to the desperate, hope to the hungry and homeless, reconciliation to a community and world divided. And in Christ's name, find a cause you can live for, a self you can live with, and a Redeemer for whom you can die. Amen.

Stripping the Sanctuary

The people depart in silence.