

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, Loving God, that we lift up to you all thanks and praise for the self-giving love that you lavish upon us. Tonight, we remember, with reverence, the unshakeable love your Son had for his followers; how he lovingly washed their feet, demonstrating the kind of love that we are called to show one another. Love is your supreme act of creation, a force that is unstoppable even in the face of betrayal and death. Together, we declare your praise saying:

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.

On this night before he died for us Jesus gathered his friends for a meal. He gave thanks and broke bread and told us his body would be destroyed. He poured out the cups of salvation that is his blood shed for each of us. We remember our Lord and his charge to remember each other.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come and save us.

Gracious God, you call us to love one another, just as you have loved us. May this meal be a source of inspiration and courage that we might follow your example and lavish love upon one another, not just in the moments when it is easy, but especially during the times when it is hard. Send your Spirit to preside with us, that we might be transformed to your presence, and be nourished for the journey ahead. Together, we pray as you taught us to pray, saying:

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;

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN..... *THIS IS THE NIGHT*
Geneva will sing the 1st verse . Please join for verses 2-5.

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (D) E^b (Em) Fm (D) E^b

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (G) A^b (Am) B^bm (C) D^b (Bsus) (B7) Csus C7

when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
he who de - stroys our slav - er - y to sin;
that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) A^b (Dsus) E^bsus (D) E^b (Am) B^bm (Em) Fm (Bm7) Cm7

the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing;
this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) D^b (Am7) B^bm7 (Em) Fm (Am7) B^bm7 (Em) Fm (Bm7) Cm7 (Em) Fm

where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

A FINAL WORD

DEPART IN SILENCE.

Please Join Us
Good Friday at 12:00 PM
Easter Sunday worship at 11:00 AM



A Service for the Worship of God
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 6, 2023
Seven o'clock in the Evening



On Maundy Thursday, the church commemorates the last supper, the final meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his betrayal. It was during this meal that, anticipating his death, Christ instituted the sacred ritual of remembrance that we now know as Holy Communion or the Eucharist. The Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke identify the Last Supper as the Jewish Passover meal, thus establishing the connection between Christ and the sacrificial Passover lamb.

Christian theology has since interpreted Jesus his actions at the last supper in light of this connection to the festival of Passover; this is why he is sometimes referred to as the Paschal lamb or the Lamb of God. When he took the bread and wine of the Paschal meal and identify them as his body and blood, Jesus instituted a new feast, a new covenant between God and God's people. For this reason, one of the most important customs of the Maundy Thursday liturgy across denominational lines is the celebration of Communion.

“Maundy” is derived from the Latin word for commandment, “mandatum.” It was on this day that Jesus gave his disciples what he called a “new command”: “love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Jesus’s way of demonstrating this love at the Last Supper was to wash his disciples’ feet and today many churches offer Maundy Thursday foot washing ceremonies. While the liturgy commemorates the institution of the sacrament of Communion, then, it also seeks to re-create the intimacy of Christ’s last moments with his disciples, encouraging Christian to show others the self-sacrificing love that the Savior modeled in his last hours.

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Please use silence and meditation to begin our worship together.

CALL TO WORSHIP ELDER GENEVA BAXLEY

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
If you have love for one another.”

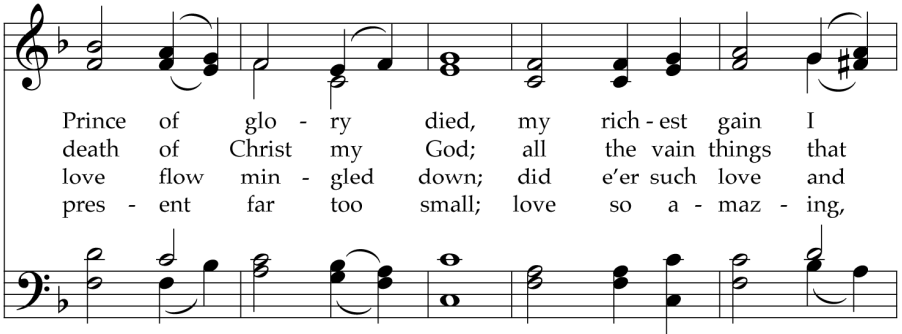
OPENING PRAYER

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ,
Who washed his disciples’ feet on the night of his betrayal.
Wash us from the stain of sin, so that,
In hours of danger, we may not fail,
But follow your Son through every trial,
And praise him always as Lord and Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e’er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we
confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have
bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In
Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and
withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or
love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and
cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to
Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we
grow in grace.
(A brief silence for individual reflection)

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Peace be with you.

ANTHEM..... *GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD*
VICTOR VARNER, *Music Director* STAINER
LILY COOPER, *Organist*

*God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish
but have everlasting life.*
*For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.*
*God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;*
But that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world.
*that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,*
everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world.

GOD’S WORD TO US JOHN 13

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

God of love,
during this Holy Week,
we give you thanks for this night
Jesus shared with his disciples.

Between the public parade
and the public charade
is this intimate hour.
Though even now we do not fully understand,
we long to follow his example:
to serve as he served,
to love as he loved.

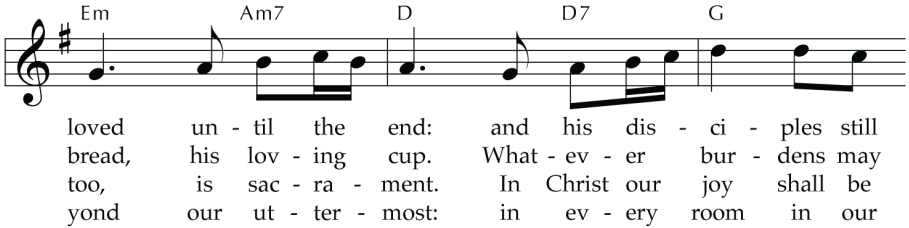
Jesus promised
that if we know these things and do them,
we will be blessed.
Help us then, to know and to do
all that Jesus taught.

Though we betray and deny,
we still come seeking a blessing,
for this much we do know:
we cannot live unless you bless us. Amen

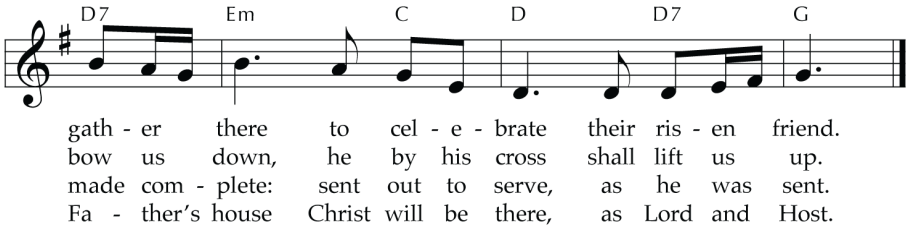
HYMN..... *AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE*



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa - ther’s house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.