

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**"We Shine For All Through Christ"**  
**St. Marys, Ohio**

**April 14, 2022** **MAUNDY THURSDAY** **7:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday is the day that we remember Jesus celebrating his final Passover with his disciples, otherwise known as the last supper. As we gather together this evening, I encourage you to reflect on the significance of the event as it happened then and how God is communicating his love to you even now.

**PRELUDE** "Jesus Greatest at the Table" David McCarthy

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Leader:** This is a night to remember, the night when Jesus was betrayed.  
Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

**People:** **By the grace of God, we are.**

**Leader:** Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

**People:** **By the grace of God, we can.**

**Leader:** Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

**People:** **By the grace of God, we will.**

**ALL:** **We remember this night and thank God, even in the hours of darkness,  
for Jesus' presence with us.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies,  
you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us.  
Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us,  
with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human.  
More than that, you adopted the role of slave, washing feet, serving people of no  
reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely.  
As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other  
way than to give ourselves to you in praise.  
Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**A MONOLOGUE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**John:** Chad Laman  
**Judas:** Victor Long  
**Peter:** Jerry Lucas

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**SPECIAL SOLO** "Thirty Pieces of Silver" Jim Huckemeyer

**THE MESSAGE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY** "A Reflection of Our Brokenness" Rhonda Hainer

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** **Congregation prays in silence**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

**COMMUNION SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

"In Remembrance of Me"

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN 261** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

At the close of the service the bell tolls seven times, slowly and deliberately, to mark the fullness of the sufferings of Christ.

\*Stripping of the altar

*The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Designated persons pick up the cloths on the Lord's table and the pulpit and other hangings, banners, candlesticks, and decorations and quietly carry them from the sanctuary. This may be done in silence. The church then remains bare until the Easter Sunrise, when the process is reversed.*

***There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please leave the sanctuary silently.***

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