

Maundy Thursday
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
The Order of Worship

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation.

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation

Prelude

Chanson

Gordon Young

Call To Worship

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.
A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.
The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.
The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.
As we break the bread and share the cup,
our understanding may fail us.
But we will never forget Christ's example.
We will never forget the full extent of his love.

Opening Prayer

Hymn 504

We Come as Guests Invited

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

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 ... (time for silent confession)...

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-5, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Anthem

Abba

Craig Courtney

*Abba, Abba, like a whisper on the wind I hear my name. In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.
Your disciples gathered with You do not hear. Yet the whisper of my name has reached my ear.
I am here, my Son, here in the upper room. I hear the water gently splash,
I see the Servant King attending to His friends.
Here I am, here in the upper room. But as You serve the bread and wine,
the broken body and the blood are Yours alone.
With a whisper that is heard by God alone, My only Son begins His painful journey home.*

Communion Meditation

Remember and Receive

**The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

**Hymn 202*

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.
And after supper He washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.*

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Call to 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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Prayer After Communion

Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

*Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia: God the wonder of our days.*

*Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.*

*Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.*

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Antiphon

Gordon Young

***KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE. YOU WILL BE DISMISSED
BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.***

SERVICE FOR REMEMBERING THE LAST SUPPER

For Christians, Maundy Thursday is a day of reassurance which culminates in the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the scriptures include the words of institution of The Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John, however, has the service of foot-washing instead of the words of institution. It is from the Gospel of John that we derive the name for this day of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" means "commandment" and refers to Jesus' words in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Good Friday Schedule

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Shadows - Tenebrae is a dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ with hymns and anthems recounting Jesus' sacrificial death.

Easter Day Schedule

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Service on the Church lawn

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (overflow) and YouTube