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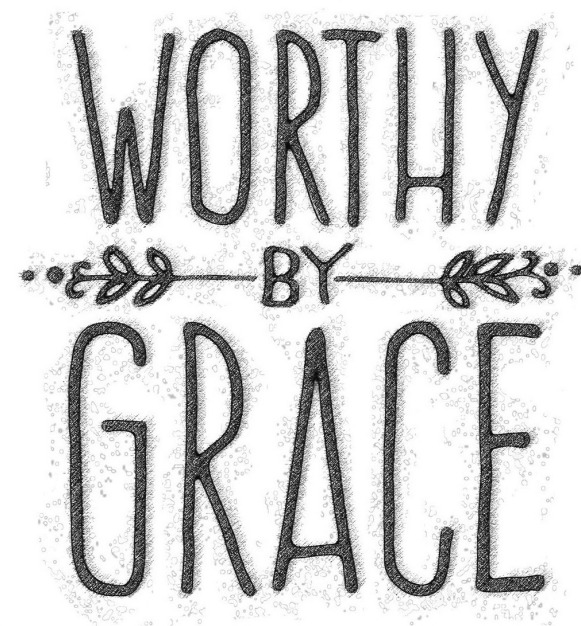
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WORTH REMEMBERING

Maundy Thursday



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 13, 2017

7:00pm

April 13, 2017

Maundy Thursday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Sanctuary Worship Service

Nursery available at all services & Sunday School.

MISSION

Responding to God's call
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite all to join us in
knowing, serving, and sharing
Jesus Christ here and
around the world.

VISION

To be a beacon
of faith, hope, and love—
every member an active disciple
in Christ's ministry.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us.

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

FOR MORE information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424, or visit our website: slpres.org.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte— Val Thelen

Communion Servers—Ken Painter, Captain; David King, Becky and Tom Loftis, Andrea Price, and Catherine Anne Thomas

Lay Readers— Nael McCarty and The Miller Family

Sound— Bob Burroughs

Ushers— Paula Humer, Captain; Carol Hickey, Katherine Robeson, and Beth Underhill

About Maundy Thursday:

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples, a Passover meal, signifying God's favor and the liberation of God's children. At this particular Passover meal, shared at a table together in an upper room, Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine and served these blessings to his disciples. Jesus offered these elements as a way of understanding that God feeds and fills sinners with selfless and sacrificing love.

The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin mandatum, which means "commandment." In the gospel according to John, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave them a new commandment, "That you love one another, as I have loved you, and that you also love one another" (John 13:34). While the tradition generally is derived from the Holy Thursday account in the gospel of John, including footwashing, the other gospel writers focused on the holy meal, and the tense and tender context in which it occurred. After the Last Supper, Jesus next went to the garden at Gethsemane to pray, where his earthly fate finally found him and took him away.

Maundy Thursday situates the beginning of the story of Christ's Passion in an ordinary moment and place, with ordinary people, sharing an ordinary meal. These ordinary things, however, point to extraordinary truths about God. And so on an otherwise ordinary night in our lives, we participate worshipfully in this story of Jesus and his disciples. We are welcomed by Jesus himself to contemplate the profound wonder of God's love and the mystery of God's loving presence in ordinary moments, places, people, and things. May we all be filled by the wonder and mystery of the first day of Christ's Holy Weekend.

April 13	Maundy Thursday Service	7pm	Sanctuary
April 14	Good Friday Soup Supper	6pm	Great Hall
April 14	Good Friday Service	7pm	Chapel
April 16	Easter Sunrise Service	7am	Hannaford Garden
April 16	Easter Service	8:30am	Sanctuary*
April 16	Easter Service	11am	Sanctuary*

**Childcare is available*

Betrayal and Arrest

Luke 22:47-53

Phil Brown

Hymn #207

Stanzas 5 and 6

Shadows Lengthen Into Night *TENEBRAE*

All too soon, the silence rends, with a clash of club and sword.

Judas, still received as “Friend,” with a kiss betrays his Lord.

**Christ’s disciples, weak with fear, fail one further, stringent test—
so like us, with trouble near—fleeing far at his arrest.**

Jesus is Taken Away

Luke 22:54a

David Lower

Closing Hymn #226*

There in God’s Garden *SHADES MOUNTAIN*

Stanza 1– All

Stanza 2– Women

Stanza 3– Men

Stanza 4– Harmony

Stanza 5– All

Stanza 6– All

All **There in God’s garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.**

Women **Its name is Jesus, name that says, “Our Savior!”
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life blood.**

Men **Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it.
Yet, look it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.**

Harmony **See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing.”**

All **This is my ending; this, my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.**

All **All heaven is singing, “Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy, healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it; take it freely!” Amen! My Master!**

Depart in Silence*

As we enter the TRIDUUM (the time during which the Lord dies, was buried and rose again) of the Christian year, you are invited to depart from the church in silence.

Worship Notes: Many thanks to Nael McCarty for his help creating and coordinating this special Maundy Thursday worship service. Music: All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-719333.

In Preparation for Worship

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin “mandatum” which means “commandment.” Maundy Thursday is the time we remember Jesus giving His disciples the new commandment that we love one another as He has loved us. Tonight we gather as the disciples did—to enter into the story of that Thursday night so many years ago.



Prelude

My Song Is Love Unknown *arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Silent Processional

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship*

Leader: It was at a table that the story began: a people longing for freedom;

People: a meal to prepare them for the journey from slavery to the wilderness;

Leader: It was at a table that the story was re-told:
a teacher and students wondering what the coming hours would bring;

People: a meal to prepare them for the journey into persecution and death;

Leader: It is at the Lord’s table that the story is remembered:
by people struggling to be faithful;

People: a meal to prepare us for the journey into resurrection.

Hymn #498*

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken *BEACH SPRING*

Reflection

David Lower

Gathering for Passover

Luke 22:1, 7-16

Phil Brown

Hymn #202

Stanzas 1 and 2

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare *O WALY WALY*

**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.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by the cross shall lift us up.**

Prayer for the Day

Shannon Dill

Tradition of the Passover Seder

The Miller Family

Hymn #206

This is the Night *MY NEIGHBOR*

Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

**This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the son of Man betray.**

**This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
this night injustice joins its hand to treason's,
and buys the ransom price of humankind.**

**O make us sharers, Savior, of your Passion,
that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.**

The Last Supper

Luke 22:17-20

Shannon Dill

Anthem

Ubi Caritas *Maurice Duruflé*

Chancel Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand. Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing between the servers for those who prefer this option.

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 Hymn #204

Stay With Me *STAY WITH ME*

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Offering Invitation

Giving is a tangible sign of worship and our commitment to God's work in the world. Tonight's offering will go to the Pastors' Benevolence Fund, which supports people who come to the church seeking assistance with bills, food and other support.

Offertory

Go to Dark Gethsemane *arr. David Cherwien*

Peter's Denial Foretold

Luke 22:24-34

Nael McCarty, Catherine Anne Thomas

Hymn #207

Shadows Lengthen Into Night *TENEBRAE*

Stanzas 1 and 2

**Sharing Paschal bread and wine as the daylight ebbs away,
friends at table join to dine. One of them will soon betray.**

**In a grove of olive trees underneath a darkening sky.
Jesus warns as he foresees; Peter also will deny.**

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Luke 22:39-46

Emily Wilmesherr

Hymn #207

Shadows Lengthen Into Night *TENEBRAE*

Stanzas 3 and 4

**In the garden, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,
heavy lidded, fall asleep, weary from the anxious day.**

**Deeper in the garden's chill, Jesus kneels to pray alone,
wrestling with God's holy will, crying out, "Let it be done!"**