

# **Maundy Thursday**



"Last Supper" by Margaret Ackland (1993)

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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify
  our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

#### **Love Your Neighbor**

- Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing
  masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish
  to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for "commandment". On this night, we remember how Jesus, after washing his disciples' feet, said, "I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples." This night we open ourselves to receive Jesus' love, and recommit ourselves to letting that same loveflow through us to others.

Tonight we will read the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. As people would have walked dusty streets barefoot, their feet would have been dirty, blistered, and battered. Washing the disciples' feet is Jesus' way of telling his followers that, just as he will suffer for refusing to go along with the ways of the Empire, they can expect the same thing to happen to them when they resist the Empire.

Tonight you will have an opportunity to receive the gift of foot- and hand-washing. The directions for this are on page 8 of your bulletin.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** 

Prelude on "When Jesus Wept", arr. Dennis Elliot

Welcome



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### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

I have told you what the Lord Jesus did on the night he was betrayed. And it came from the Lord himself.

He took some bread in his hands. Then after he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and said, "This is my blood, and with it God makes a new agreement with you. Drink this and remember me."

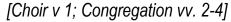
The Lord meant that when you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you tell about his death until he comes.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

## Christ, Let Us Come with You





Gospel

John 13:1-17, 34-38

(Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

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Glory to you, O Lord.

- It was before Passover, and Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and to return to his Abba. He had always loved his followers in this world, and he loved them to the very end.
- Even before the evening meal started, the devil had made Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, decide to betray Jesus.
- Jesus knew that he had come from God and would go back to God. He also knew that his Abba had given him complete power. So during the meal Jesus got up, removed his outer garment, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He put some water into a large bowl. Then he began washing his disciples' feet and drying them with the towel he was wearing.
- But when he came to Simon Peter, that disciple asked, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
- Jesus answered, "You don't really know what I am doing, but later you will understand."
- "You will never wash my feet!" Peter replied.
- "If I don't wash you," Jesus told him, "you don't really belong to me."
- Peter said, "Lord, don't wash just my feet. Wash my hands and my head." Jesus answered, "People who have bathed and are clean all over need to wash just their feet. And you, my disciples, are clean, except for one of you." Jesus knew who would betray him. That is why he said, "except for one of you."
- After Jesus had washed his disciples' feet and had put his outer garment back on, he sat down again. Then he said:
- "Do you understand what I have done? You call me your teacher and Lord, and you should, because that is who I am. And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you. I tell you for certain that servants are not greater than their master, and messengers are not greater than the one who sent them. You know these things, and God will bless you, if you do them.
- "I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Simon Peter asked, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "You can't go with me now, but later on you will."

Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I go with you now? I would die for you!"

"Would you really die for me?" Jesus asked. "I tell you for certain before a rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't even know me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

### **Musical Reflection**

### This Do in Remembrance of Me

Judy Hunnicutt Senior Choir

**Refrain**: This do in rembrance of me. Keep this feast and together we'll be. This do in remembrance of me, 'til you come to my kingdom.

This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat in remembrance of me. Broken that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting. *Refrain* 

This is my blood, I shed it for you. Take and drink in remembrance of me. Shed that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting. *Refrain* 

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION AND RECEIVE THE GIFT OF FOOT- AND HAND-WASHING

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

### **Communion Litany**

On this night, Christ brings new life to us.

On this night, his compassion is made real.

The bread he gives fills our hunger for his living presence.

The wine he gives quenches our thirst for renewal.

The commandment to love one another gives new life to all our relationships.

And he binds us together as a community God delights in.

On this Maundy Thursday, Jesus calls us to receive his love, and respond by loving and serving this world.

Side by side, we follow him.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, breathe on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that sharing in the blessed broken, risen life of Jesus, we may share his continual life and presence. Make of us one body, so we might live at home in your love until no one is homeless. With confidence, we pray in your name:

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat.

## **Foot- and Hand-Washing**

We will wash feet and hands in the back of the sanctuary. After you have received communion, come to the back of the sanctuary and take a seat. (If you choose not to receive communion, you can come directly back at any time.) When a washing station is open, if you wish to have your feet washed, leave your shoes and socks under the chair and go to the station. Once you are seated, one foot will be washed (a simple pouring of water over the foot) and then dried. This is repeated for the second foot. Then return to your chair, put on your shoes and socks, and return to your pew. If you wish to have your hands washed, simply go to an open station and be seated. Water will be poured over your hands, and then they will be dried.

Music during the Meal and Washing Jesus, I will Ponder Now

arr. Wilbur Held

### **WE ARE SENT**





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**Blessing** Amen.

### Stripping of the Altar

The altar represents Christ, and the solemn removal of all that is on it forces us to confront his betrayal, abandonment, arrest, and, tomorrow, his execution. While the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 is read. On the cross, as he feels so abandoned and alone, Jesus cries out using words from this psalm.

### The Entrance of the Crown of Thorns

As part of their effort to humiliate and degrade him, the Roman soldiers created a crown from a thorn bush and put it on Jesus' head as they sarcastically knelt before him as "King of the Jews". We place a crown of thorns on the altar to remind us of this story. We depart in silence, which at times is the only faithful response to love that suffers on behalf of others.

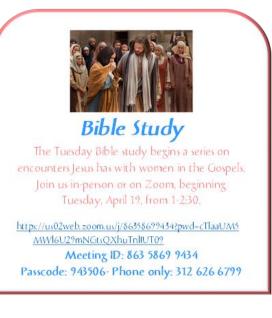
### **Departure in Silence**

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Volunteers always welcome!
Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson (sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!

### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TONIGHT**

Presiding Minister
Reader
Danica Denniss
Organist & Senior Choir Director
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director
Communion Prep
Kay Ernsthausen, Kathleen Zwanziger
Producers

David Shull, Pastor
Danica Denniss
Kathy Rapp
Kayen Kent
Karen Kent
Michele Disbro, Tom Mimlitch

Physicians from Haiti sharing in the Sunday message and adult education class on April 24



On Sunday, April 24, Drs. Johnson Deshommes and Stevenson Dimanche will be our guests in worship and for our adult education program. During worship, they will be part of a "conversation" sermon with Pastor Al Rider. After worship, they will lead the adult ed class and continue their conversations with us. Their theme will be life in Haiti today, and their hopes and dreams for themselves and their country. Invite friends who might be interested in these conversations!

If you can offer a bed Saturday evening, April 23, to Johnson and/or Stevenson, please let Dave Shull know.





### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Good Friday
April 15
IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
7:00 pm
at Christ United Methodist Church

Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 17
IN-PERSON Worship
8:30 am
LIVESTREAM and IN-PERSON Worship
11:00 am

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