

# Mauudy Thursday

April 14, 2022



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## Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 14, 2022

### Welcome to Maundy Thursday Worship

*Tonight, we gather as family, an extended family of faith, to share a simple meal and yet a meal that is unlike any other. We come to be together, and we come to remember. We come to honor one another by our presence and by offering ourselves to one another. Friends, tonight is the holiest of nights.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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### Prelude

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*Arranger Unknown*

### Words of Welcome

### Our Call to Worship\*

On this spring evening, as darkness falls, we gather to remember the evening when Jesus shared a last supper with his friends. We recall how Jesus gave us a new commandment, saying, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” What then can we do in response to these words?

**We can remember the covenant that is written on our hearts and strive to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

### Remembering the Passover Story – Exodus 12:1-14

YHWH said to Aaron and Moses in the land of Egypt, “This month will be the first of all months to you. You will count it as the first month of the year. Say this to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month, every family in Israel will take an animal from the flock, one for each household. If your household is too small for a whole animal, join with your next-door neighbor, and divide the animal as the number of persons requires. The animal must be a year-old male without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You must keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, then the whole community of Israel is to slaughter it at sunset. Some of the blood must then be taken and applied to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house where the animal is eaten. “That night you will eat the roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but roasted over the fire—the head, feet and entrails. You must not leave any over until morning. Whatever is left in morning you are to burn. “This is how you are to eat it: with your belt buckled, your sandals on your feet, and a staff in your hand; you will eat it in haste. It is the Passover of YHWH. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night and strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I will execute this judgment on all the gods of Egypt: I am YHWH. The blood will mark the houses where you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no harm will come to you when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day will be for you a memorial day, and you must celebrate it as a feast to YHWH. All generations are to observe it forever as a feast day.

## The Announcement

God loved the world so much, as we are told and believe, that God gave to us One who made God accessible even to those who were separated from their Creator. God did this to save the world, not to condemn it, or to let it destroy itself.

**We believe that Christ shows his love by becoming a humble servant. By the grace of God, we are here tonight to recall this story of the night in which Jesus ate the Passover with his disciples, gave to them new bread and new wine, and was betrayed, arrested, and abandoned.**

Hymn 482 (Worship & Rejoice)\*  
*“Sanctuary”*  
(2 times)

## The Invitation

Jesus says, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. So come, come all who thirst and hunger for God, and be fed this night.

### A Reading from the Gospel of John 13:1-11

It was before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to Abba God. He had always loved his own in this world, but now he showed how perfect this love was. The Devil had already convinced Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. So, during supper, Jesus—knowing that God had put all things into his own hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God—rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist. He then poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and dry them with the towel that was around his waist. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Rabbi, you’re not going to wash my feet, are you?” Jesus answered, “You don’t realize what I am doing right now, but later you’ll understand.” Peter replied, “You’ll never wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “If I don’t wash you, you have no part with me.” Simon Peter said to Jesus, “Then, Rabbi, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!” Jesus said, “Any who have taken a bath are clean all over and only need to wash their feet—and you’re clean, though not every one of you.” For Jesus knew who was to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

Choral Anthem  
*As We Break the Bread*  
Jay Althouse

## An Act of Love

### A Reading from the Gospel of John 13:12-17

After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me “Teacher,” and “Sovereign”—and rightly, for so I am. If I, then—your Teacher and Sovereign—have washed your feet, you should wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. “The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. Once you know all these things, you’ll be blessed if you put them into practice.

*(In lieu of washing everyone’s hand or foot this evening, the three ministers will engage in washing one another’s hand as a symbolism of ecumenical love for one another along with the symbolism of Jesus washing the Disciples feet)*

Hymn #285 (Worship & Rejoice)\*  
“Jesus, Remember Me”  
(2 times)

## Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

On the night Jesus ate supper for the last time with his friends, he said, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.” Brothers and Sisters in Christ, may the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts to our God.

**We open them to our God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thankful praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of love. You brought bread from the earth and created the fruit of the vine. You made us in your image and freed us from slavery. You claimed us as your people and called us your children. When we forget, you spoke to us through the prophets, calling us to return to the way of the heart.

Blessed is the One whose supper we share this night. Blessed are we, renewed by this meal.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choir and with the faithful of every time and place, to forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Sanctus (MCC Hymnal 1989)**

<b>Santo, Santo, ¡Santo!</b>	<b>Holy, Holy, Holy!</b>
<b>mi corazon te adora!</b>	<b>my heart, my heart adores you!</b>
<b>Mi corazon te sabe decir;</b>	<b>My heart knows how to say to you;</b>
<b>Santo eres Señor!</b>	<b>Holy are you, Lord.</b>

God our Savior, power of loving service in the world, we thank you for Christ Jesus, who on the night he was betrayed, gave himself to his friends in humble service, and in bread and wine. May we do the same for the whole world, as we strive to follow his example.

A Reading from the Gospel of John 13:33-35

Jesus said, "My little children, I won't be with you much longer. You'll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you're my disciples: that you truly love one another."

You are holy oh God of majesty and blessed is Jesus Christ your child, our lord, whom you sent to live among us. And in humility Jesus descended from your heights to kneel in obedience to love's commands. In death, Christ freed us from death's dominion in resurrection, Christ opened the way to eternal life,

On the night in which he was to be betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you., do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples saying: drink from this, all of you, as this is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as your drink, in remembrance of me.

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the very power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. By sharing in this holy meal our lives share in the mystery of faith. Therefore, when we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Be present, Lord Jesus, by your Holy Spirit, as you were in that upper room with your disciples when you shared this last last supper with them. Make yourself known to us as we share this bread and wine, your life in us.

**Amen!**

*(Sharing in the Lord's Supper)*

Loving God, we give thanks that you have fed us with this sacrament, united us with Christ and with one another, and given us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet that awaits us in your holy kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn #85 (Worship & Rejoice)\*  
*"I Love You, Lord"*

Friends, the hour is almost upon us. Let us go from this place, quietly, until we meet again. Go in peace. Amen.

**Postlude**  
*Sonata in D Major, K. 311, II. Andante con espressione*  
*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

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