

Maundy Thursday

The Lord's Last Supper



*"A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another."*

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Westminster At Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.



As the sun goes down on Maundy Thursday, so begins the Easter Triduum, the three days from this Thursday night through to the sunset on Easter. Since the fourth century, Christians have gathered to mark Maundy Thursday as a time of remembering the Last Supper through the betrayal of Jesus.

Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum novum, a new commandment. The emphasis of this service is on the actions and words of Jesus narrated in John 13, the washing of feet as a symbol of building a community of servanthood.

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to wash one another's feet and serve one another in love.

People: We come to glorify the Holy One.

Leader: Jesus invites us to eat and drink with him and remember him in all that we do.

People: We come to the feast with joy.

Leader: Jesus commands us to love one another and show the world that we are his disciples.

People: We come to be the body of Christ and know ourselves as his disciples.

MUSIC

"The Power of the Cross"

Trio

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Compassionate One, your ways lead to life. You call us to love one another and bear one another's burdens.

People: But when we disagree with one another, we want to be right more than we want to follow you.

Leader: You call us to serve one another and kneel at each other's feet in humility and grace.

People: But when we are hurt by another, we want to strike back more than we want to forgive.

Leader: You call us to pour out our lives for the healing of the world.

People: Forgive us for acting as if your gifts were for us alone, when you gave up everything, that all might be blessed through your sacrifice.

~ Time for silent confession of sins ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In this same upper room with his disciples, Jesus shares these words: ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. May this peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Leader: I love the Lord because he hears my requests for mercy.

People: I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.

Leader: Death's ropes bound me; the distress of the grave found me — I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.

People: So I called on the Lord's name: "Lord, please save me!"

Leader: What can I give back to the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

People: I'll lift up the cup of salvation. I'll call on the Lord's name.

Leader: I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

People: The death of the Lord's faithful is a costly loss in his eyes.

Leader: Oh yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant! I am your servant and the son of your female servant — you've freed me from my chains.

People: So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you, and I'll call on the Lord's name.

Leader: I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

People: In the courtyards of the the Lord's house, which is in the center of Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Gospel Lesson
John 13:1-17, 34-35

MEDITATION

Rev. Jamie Milton

HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"
Quartet

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindication his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven,

Leader: We give thanks for the loving way shown in the story of Jesus.

People: Hallowed be thy name —

Leader: The one name encompassing the many names which cross our lips in times of sorrow and times of joy.

People: Thy kingdom come,

Leader: In our hearts and minds and actions, between us and between all peoples, between humans and the rest of creation, now and far into the future.

People: Thy will be done.

Leader: We seek to bend our ear toward your deep and living word, as Love has bent its ear to each of us.

People: On earth as in heaven.

Leader: As Jesus loved, give us the vision also to love.

People: Give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: From the table of liberation, send us into the lives of those who hunger.

People: Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Leader: Allow us to remember the basin and the towel of self-giving even among those who mock us and give us dread.

People: Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil,

Leader: To profit from your commandment to love.

People: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory now and forever.

Leader: We seek wholeness by growing in surrendering love to all your children.

All: Amen.

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are your servants, O God, for you have loosed all other bonds that held us captive. In freedom, we follow you. In gratitude, we praise you. Celebrating all that you have done for us in Christ, we bring before you tithes and offerings, bread and wine, asking you to add your blessing so that all that we have and all that we are may be used in blessing others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Opening Dialogue

Leader: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: ...And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in your holy name. Hosanna in the highest.

The Memorial Acclamation

Leader: ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Communion of the People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Trio

BENEDICTION

As you go out into the world, please leave the worship space quietly.

Liturgical resources:

Unless otherwise noted, liturgy adapted for use from Abingdon Worship Annual 2013

Pedalavium Meditation adapted from Pastor Edward f. Markquart

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Invitation to Communion by Rev. Teri Peterson

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service

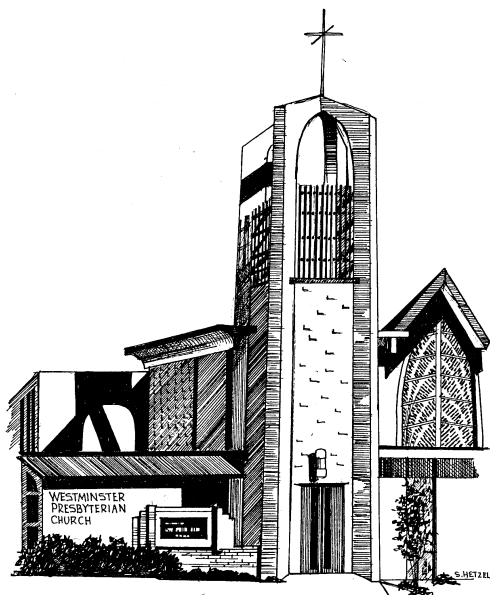
Saturday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Outdoor Family Easter Vigil (meet in Wenona Street parking lot)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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