

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Christ's blood. All honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever. Amen

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (by intinction)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace,
your Son, Jesus Christ
left us this holy meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and blood.
May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Judas Matthew 26:36, 47-50
Peter Matthew 26:69-75

INTRANT AD TENEBRAE – INTO THE DARKNESS

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS AND STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

As the reproaches are read, the candles are extinguished, and all linens, paraments, and banners are removed from the worship space. The furnishings are draped in black. The last candle extinguished is the Christ candle.

A new Christ candle will be lit Easter morning.

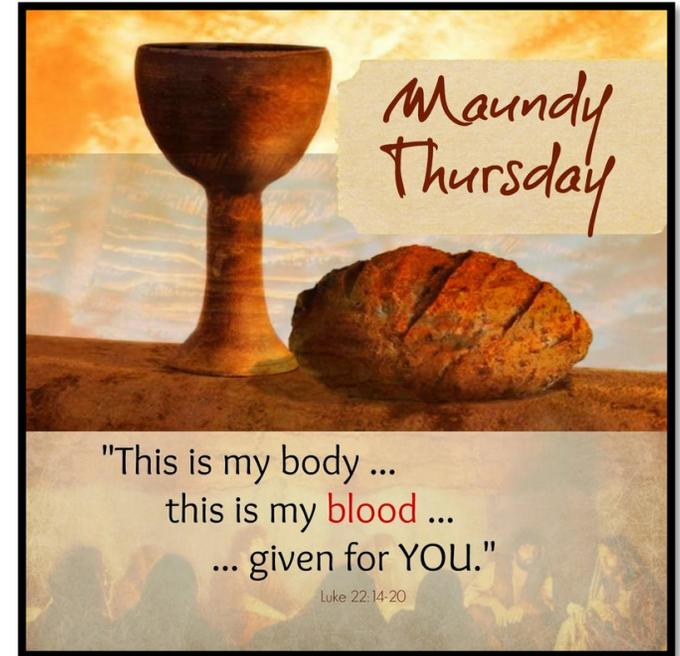
All depart in silence.

The service continues on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m.

Traditional service at 9:30 a.m. (with childcare).



Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019

PRELUDE *Nocturne in G-minor, Op. 37 No. 1* F. Chopin

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Diane Christopher

Leader: We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed. Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ, whose Life was poured out for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us. The Lord calls us to this table.

People: By the grace of God, we remember.

Leader: Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

People: By the grace of God, we can.

Leader: Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

People: By the grace of God, we will.

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

People: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!

✦HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #92

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Mark A. Medina

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus in our living and to trust your power in our dying, we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today. Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you, and guide us back to a place of trust and faithful living.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, receive our prayer. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

ANTHEM *Father, Forgive Us* Craig Courtney
Don Christensen - piano

Father, forgive us each time we close our eyes to a bruised and wounded world, the shattered, broken lives, empty ones who die alone forsaken in their shame.
Every time we turn away we crucify again.

Father, forgive us each time that we disown mothers who have lost their sons, the children with no home, thousands crying out in thirst, the prisoners in pain.
Every time we turn away we crucify again.

Father, forgive us, our hearts remain unmoved by suffering and poverty, we know not what we do.
When we fail to hear the voice of Christ in every cry,
When we do not recognize the Savior in their eyes,

We crucify again.

SCRIPTURE READING Judas Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25

HYMN *Ab, Holy Jesus (verse 1)* #93

SCRIPTURE READING Peter Matthew 26:31-35

HYMN *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (verse 1)* #80

MEDITATION The Back Door of Grace

HYMN *What Wondrous Love is This (verse 1)* #85

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The way of Jesus goes through the cross, but we are not there yet. It is close. We can see its shadow. We can feel the cold, dark, night. We know that the enemies of God are conspiring. They will come for him. First though, we will gather. We gather with Jesus and his closest friends. We gather with those that called him teacher, Rabbi, friend. We gather for the Passover meal, to remember that God saved the people from slavery. God saved once. God saves forevermore.

We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life. Our God saved once. God saves forevermore.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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