



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 14, 2022

Good Friday, we know. And Easter most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said these words to his disciples:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

Wood

THE STORY OF JESUS WONDROUS LOVE

Pastor Debra

Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He invited the women and the children and the tax collectors and the sinners to come to his table. He broke bread with the least and the lost and shared the cup of redemption with them all. He crossed boundaries of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. He challenged religious authority, and he scoffed at pomposity and self-absorbed grandeur. He called out the hypocrites. He admonished the scribes and the Pharisees for their hardened hearts. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

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.

HYMN*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH 292

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CHOIR ANTHEM*Awake, Alone in Gethsemane*

Choir

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MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

Liturgist

O Lord our God, tonight we gather to remember our Savior Jesus and his sacrifice of love for us. We pause to remember his last meal with his closest friends and disciples. We pause to remember the betrayal he would suffer. We pause to remember the pain that would be His to bear. We gather to bear witness to our Savior. We gather to grow in our faith and be renewed once again by this story. Please accept our confessions and forgive us by your grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Praying

We confess tonight that we are like Judas who betrayed our Lord.**We are like those who crucified our Lord.****We are like those who denied Jesus—refusing to claim him as Lord of our whole life.****We are like those who have mocked him—forgetting his power in this world.****We are like those who made him a crown of thorns—diminishing his authority in our lives.****We are like those who hung him on a Cross—choosing the allure of violence and fear rather than justice and peace.****We are like those who turned away their gaze—afraid to enter into the suffering of this world.****Forgive us. Have mercy upon us.****On these days of emptiness and death before the Resurrection, we now offer confessions to you in silence.....****SILENCE IS KEPT****ASSURANCE OF PARDON (RESPONSIVE)**

Even in the darkness of this night, even in the emptiness of these hours that stretch out before Easter morning the promise of the Resurrection is still at hand. It is a dim light, and yet to the light we cling. Give us grace to receive this assurance of your love. Grant us peace on this night. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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HYMN

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

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REMEMBERING OUR CALL

Pastor Debra

This night is our calling to go into the world, scattered to the ends of the earth to love as Christ loved and serve in the name of Christ.

It is our calling to remember, even in our darkest hour, who we are. We remember that Christ is always with us. And we remember that on this night, we were taught how to love.

On this night, eternity begins and the fullness of God's Reign begins to spill into our lives. So go into the world to give yourself for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world and love in the name of the One who loved you until the end. It all begins and ends and begins again with Love. This is the story. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Maker

What Wondrous Love Is This

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Awake, Alone in Gethsemane

*Twilight in Gethsemane,
shadows shroud the olive trees.
Twisting branches, darkening paths,
on the mountain, night falls fast.
Jesus, with treasured friends,
comes to pray 'mid changing winds.
Good and gladsome memories
fade with the press of treachery.
Awake, alone in Gethsemane.
His friends are heavy-eyed.
Resting from sorrow they lie.
Strong pleas He makes –
Not one stays awake.
See, now an angel gives Him aid,
strength for bearing all the world's shame.
Anguished, His prayers ascend to God,
While from His brow comes sweat like blood.
Father, let this cup pass by!
Not My will, but Yours, He cries.
Willing to drink its bitterness,
rising to face the traitor's kiss.
Awake, alone in Gethsemane.*

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.*

*Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.*

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?(were you there)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? ((were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)*