

MAUNDY
Thursday



April 6, 2023

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
God With Us - The Meaning in a Meal**

Welcome to worship this evening!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able.
Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, in a time of fear you invite us in love.

In a time of division you make us one.

In a time of violence you give us your peace.

In a time of uncertainty you remind us of your Covenant.

Even Jesus, your Beloved, faces his death, he shares with us the joy of life.

**We give thanks. Grateful, humble and hungry,
we come to the table of grace. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN GTG 523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

refrain and vs. 3, 4, and 5 only

Refrain



You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;



come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat. *Fine*



3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us be honest with God and with one another.

Loving God, we will betray you; yet you invite us to your table.

We will deny you; yet you give us yourself in love.

We will fail to pray with you; yet you pray for us.

We will crucify you; yet you forgive us.

We confess our sin. We receive your grace.

Silence for reflection

The meal we share tonight assures us beyond doubt
that God forgives us and will never leave us.

WHAT'S IN A MEAL?

Ponder the pictures of tables set for a variety of meals.

Imagine you are sitting down to eat. What cues help you identify the meal?

Is it an everyday meal or something special?

What is the occasion?

Who is present?

What kind of food will be served?

What will those present be talking about?

What is the mood of the meal?

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE A SPECIAL MEAL TONIGHT?

Jesus sat down to observe the Passover meal with his disciples. What was the history of that meal? What made it special?

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"

Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Nowadays, Jewish people still celebrate the Passover in what is called the Seder Meal.

Traditionally, a younger person will ask these questions, giving elders an opportunity to repeat the story, as God commanded.

Why is this night different from all other nights?

1. On all other nights we eat either bread or matzah; on this night, why only matzah?
2. On all other nights we eat herbs or vegetables of any kind; on this night why bitter herbs?
3. On all other nights we do not dip even once; on this night why do we dip twice?
4. On all other nights we eat our meals in any manner; on this night why do we sit around the table together in a reclining position?

We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, or communion, at Jesus' command. Listen to his words at the Passover meal with his disciples.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:14-20

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after

giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

We, too, might ask four questions and reflect on their meaning.

1. Why is this meal different from all other meals? We often eat together, but this meal is special. Why do we have this special ritual?
2. Most other meals have no name. But we call this meal communion, or the Lord's Supper. Why do we call this meal by a special name?
3. In all our meals we have different kinds of foods. Why in this meal do we only eat bread together?
4. In most meals, we have different things to drink. Why in this meal do we all drink from a common cup?

HYMN GTG 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken vs. 1, 2 and 3



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL AGAIN, AS JESUS COMMANDED

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116:11-17

What shall I return to the Beloved
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Beloved,**

I will pay my vows to the Beloved
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Beloved
is the death of his faithful ones.**

Beloved, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Beloved**

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are You, Holy One our God, Ruler of the Universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth. Amen.

We praise you, God, for the abundance of the earth.

You give all creatures their food in due season.

We give thanks for your grace, that when we were slaves in Egypt, you set us free.

You commanded us to remember our bondage,

to remember your mighty acts, and to remember all those who are still oppressed.

We come to your table to share this bread that you give to all people.

We receive it with praise and thanksgiving,

and pray that by your grace we may bear it to all of your beloved children,

especially those who hunger, in the name of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION

The bread is passed from one person to the next, with the words:

This is my body, for you.

This cup is my covenant with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Stay With Us

CPC Choir

From Luke 24:29, Phos Hilaron, tr. Gracia Grindal; arr. Egil Hovland

WE SHARE CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THIS MEAL
WITH ABSENT FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRACTICING LOVE

Using the cards, photographs, and stamps provided, share a word of loving communion with those who may be far away, yet near to us in spirit, and part of the body of Christ, extended through the world.

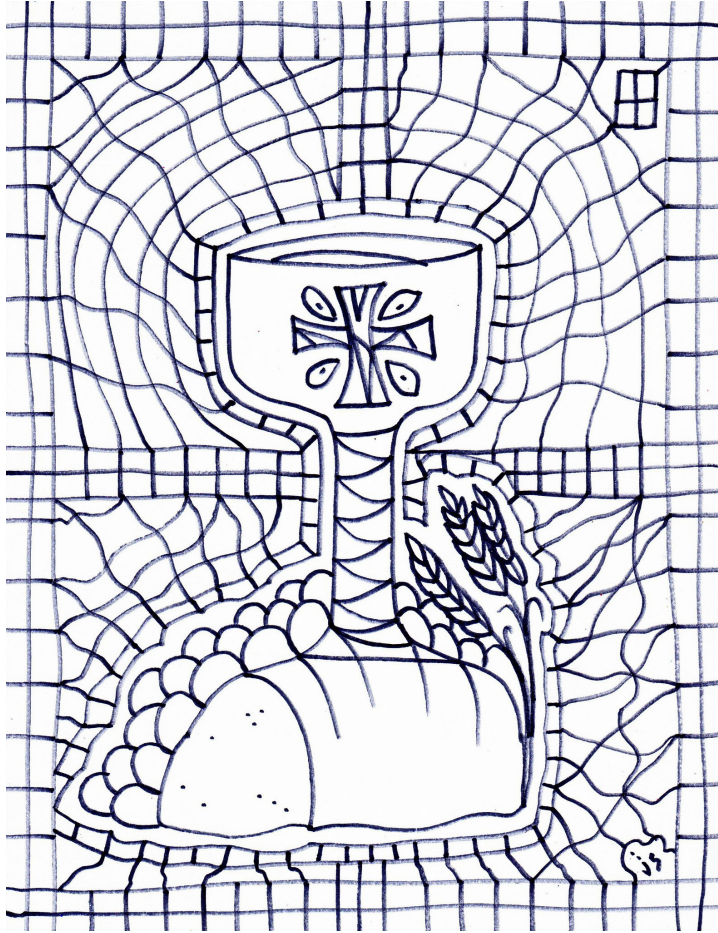
Before we part from one another, we remember the final hours of this night, as Jesus was betrayed, tried, and led to his death.

SOLO

Were You There?

Mark Neville

Depart in silence.



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Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm CPC Worship - Onsite and Online

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday
8:30 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal
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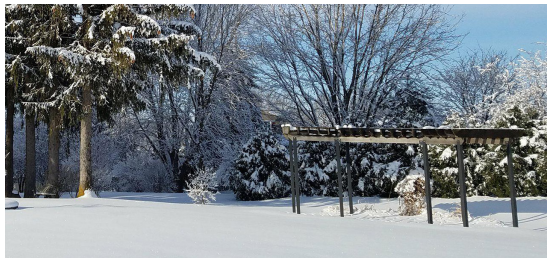
Monday, April 10
Easter Monday, office closed

Tuesday, April 11
10:00 am PW Bible Study
12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee
7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, April 12
6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC
12:00 pm Conference Call *
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, April 13
5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, April 16
9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



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