

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

April 1 & 2, 2021

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.

Derived from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment," Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

Prelude *Prelude in E Minor*

Emma Rustan, piano

Frederic Chopin

Welcome

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Cindy and Scott Hedlund

One: This is a day to remember.

All: We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

One: We remember Jesus washing the feet of his friends.

All: We remember the Garden of Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus.

One: We remember the Crucifixion of Jesus.

All: We remember, and in remembering we are called to serve one another.

We remember and thank God for Jesus' presence with us, then and now.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Ever-loving God, we gather together this evening, just as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come from different places, but we all come with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need for you and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service, and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

Hymn *Jesu, Jesu*

UM Hymnal #432, v. 1-3
led by Emma Rustan

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.*

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet
John 13:1-15

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Foot Washing

The Neilsen Family

Remembering the Last Supper in the Upper Room
Luke 22:7-20

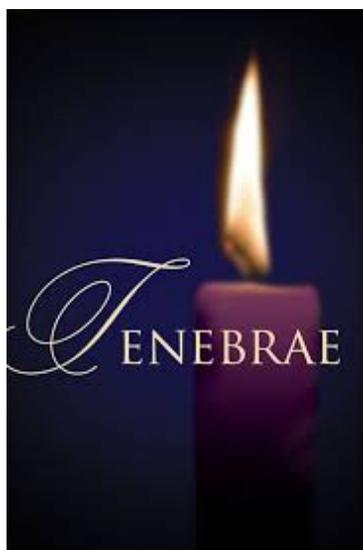
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Receiving the Bread and the Cup

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Offering Invitation

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Good Friday Tenebrae - Service of Darkness

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

We now move into the Tenebrae service, which takes place in near darkness. It dates back to the fourth century and recalls the seven shadows falling on Christ in the last hours of his life on earth. As the passion story unfolds, the darkness increases as light by light is extinguished. After each Scripture lesson and reflection, there will be a time of silence for your private meditation and then a candle will be extinguished.

Litany of Light and Darkness

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

One: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
All: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
One: And this is the judgment, that light has come into the world.
All: **And we have loved darkness rather than light.**

Special Music *Ah, Dearest Jesus*

arr. Raymond Haan

Rebecca Peterson, cello; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Let us pray together.

Lord Jesus, you gave your life and were willing to die on the cross so that we might have abundant, eternal life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come. Amen.

Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This*

UM Hymnal #292, v. 1, 2, 4

led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1. 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.

2. 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.

4. 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.

The Shadow of Betrayal

Scripture: Matthew 26:20-25

Reflection: *I remember Judas' betrayal and I wonder, have I ever betrayed someone I loved or some cause in which I truly believed?*

The first candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Desertion

Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35

Reflection: *I remember how Jesus was deserted and I wonder, when there is trouble, do I run?*

The second candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Inner Agony

Scripture: Luke 22:39-44

Reflection: *I remember our Lord's agony of soul and I wonder, in times of tough decision, do I have such agony of soul to know and to do the will of God?*

The third candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Denial

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

Reflection: *I remember Peter's denial and I wonder, have I stood by my friends in trouble or has my loyalty only been in fair weather?*

The fourth candle is extinguished

Special Music *Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless)*

J.S. Bach

Velda Graham Bell, organ

The Shadow of the Crowd

Scripture: Matthew 27:15-24

Reflection: *I remember the crowd calling for Jesus' crucifixion. I remember Pilate washing hands of responsibility. I wonder, have I ever been a part of a crowd and acted in a way that I never would have acted alone? Have I been guilty of shirking my responsibilities?*

The fifth candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Humiliation

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-31

Reflection: *I remember Jesus being humiliated and I wonder, have I ever been party to making fun of others? Have I denied anybody their dignity by my failure to speak and act?*

The sixth candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Death

Scripture: Luke 23:33-38

Reflection: *I remember Christ's death on the Cross and I wonder, do I realize he died for me?*

The seventh candle is extinguished

Let the sound of nails being hammered help you reflect on Jesus' suffering and death.

Special Music *What Wondrous Love is This*

arr. Raymond Haan

Rebecca Peterson, cello; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

We are witnesses to Jesus' death. The service is ended. Tomorrow, walk with Christ in his death. Return Sunday to worship the Risen Lord.

