

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Opening Question

P: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Reading Exodus 12:1-14

Question

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Reading Luke 22:7-20

Litany for Maundy Thursday

Confession & Absolution

P: The psalmist declares: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live (Psalm 116:1-2). We gather as a community in need of a Savior. We offer our honest confession, in faith and trust on our covenant God, knowing the God hears our voice.

P: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.

[Silence]

Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

[Silence]

Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

[Silence]

Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ, you are forgiven and through Jesus God abides with even us! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Reading John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Offering

Message ...Jesus on Trial
The Sentence

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,**

and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading Luke 22:14-20
Words of Institution – Given and Shed for you!

In Remembrance ...Dismissal

Doxology

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures
here below.
Praise him above
ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

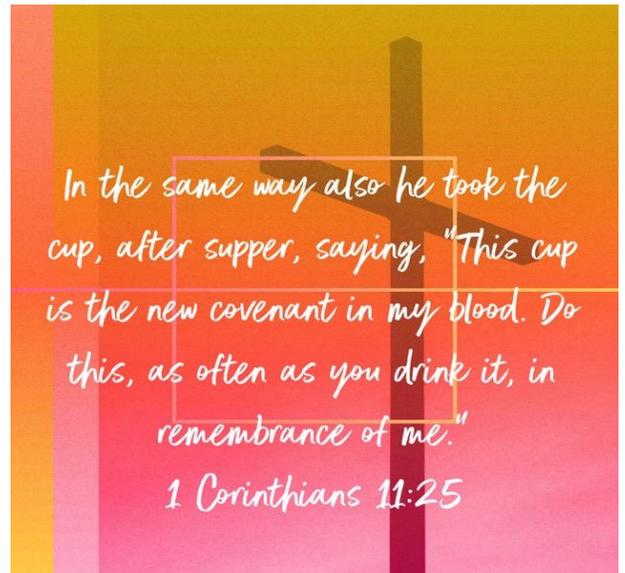
Benediction

Going Forth

P: The worship is over.

C: Let the service begin!

RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD



In the same way also he took the
cup, after supper, saying, "This cup
is the new covenant in my blood. Do
this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:25

For a thousand years the Hebrews celebrated the Passover to commemorate the "saving event" in their history. The ritual called for bitter herbs and wine, but most it called for a lamb. The paschal lamb reminded them of how a lamb's blood, painted on the lintels of their father's doorways had saved their fathers from the angel of death that fateful night in Egypt; the herbs recalled their bitter suffering in the wilderness and through the centuries following.

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the Passover in the context of the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of the disciples' feet; his institution of the Lord's Supper; and his new commandment to love one another. The service begins the *Triduum*, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new covenant" Jesus initiated. In other words, this is New Covenant Thursday.

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