

MAUNDY THURSDAY

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy week, all about?
The word “Maundy” is a shortened version of the Latin word *mandatum*,
which means commandment.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment. He told them,
“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”. (John 13:34, NRSV)

Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others,
showing love and respect for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion.

This is what the Lord asked of his disciples, and asks of us today.



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Thursday, March 29, 2018 7:00 p.m.

*GREETING and WORDS OF WELCOME

*HYMN **"Are Ye Able, Said The Master"** #552

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Father, It is a humbling experience to be died for; tonight we remember that Jesus Christ, your only begotten son, did exactly that for each of us. And went to his death knowing full well how often we would forget His love. He went to the cross feeling the pains of sin we were yet to commit, knowing that we would never understand the depth and height, the length and breath of His love.

Let no pride in us keep us this evening from kneeling at the foot of the cross. Melt the coldness of our hearts. Soften the stubbornness of our wills, that we, like the disciples partake of this mystery that unites our hearts as believers in this Jesus who loves us, died for us, and sent His Holy Spirit to walk among us. In Jesus' name we pray, **AMEN**

(If you are able, please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel)

* THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:17-29

ANTHEM *"We Will Meet You There"* *Sanctuary Choir*

LIVING DRAMATIZATION OF "THE LAST SUPPER"

The Disciples Speak . . .

Before each disciple begins the soliloquy, he will say, "Peace Be Unto You" This is a typical greeting used in the time of Jesus. Please respond with "and with you, Peace".

MUSIC MINISTRY *"Ah Holy Jesus"* Bell Choir
James, The lesser
Matthew
Nathaniel

MUSIC MINISTRY *"I Dwell In You"* Salt of the Earth
James
Andrew
Thomas

HYMN *"What Wondrous Love Is This", vs. 1 & 2* #292
Judas
Thaddeus
Phillip

MUSIC MINISTRY *"Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross"* Bell Choir
John
Simon, the Zealot
Peter

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *"Go To Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1 & 2* #290

MUSIC MINISTRY *"Help This Shepherd Be A Lamb"* James Beatty

DEPART IN QUIET REVERENCE

As you leave in silence, please take time to reflect on what you have witnessed tonight.