

A Service of Worship for Holy Thursday evening

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

The alternative title for this day, Maundy Thursday, recalls the new commandment (mandatum novum in Latin) in John 13:34.

The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

Designated persons pick up the cloths on the Lord's table and the pulpit and other hangings, banners, candlesticks, and decorations and quietly carry them from the sanctuary.

This is done in silence. The church then remains bare until the Easter, when the process is reversed.



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Maundy Thursday

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

JOHN 13:1



St. Luke's United Methodist Church
 Holy Thursday Service
 March 29, 2018
 7:00 P.M.

Welcome to this service as we remember the events before Jesus' death.
 May our hearts be touched by the depth of his love
 for each of his disciples, then and now.

Gathering

Prelude

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"..... No. 349

Confession and Pardon

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a
 humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the
 truth of God's Spirit.

Merciful God,

**we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that
 of Christ.**

**Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where
 we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed,
 deserted, or denied him, forgive us we pray;**

**And by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn: "Grace Greater than Our Sin".....No. 365

Proclamation and Response

*Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy
 Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word
 proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
 Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12: 1 - 14

Responses to the Word

Concerns and Prayers.....Rev. Preveaux

Moment of silent prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music:

"Via Dolorosa"

Marge Kirwan and Joann Sandruck

The Message.....Rev. Preveaux

"A Night to Remember"

Holy Communion

Breaking the Bread

(The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.)

+*Giving the Bread and the Cup

*Hymn: "Near to the Heart of God".....No. 472

Extinguishing of The Christ Candle

Stripping of the Sanctuary

**Dismissal with Blessing*

Go in peace.

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto
 death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this
 night and forever.

Amen.

**Going Forth*

Leave in silence.

The room now remains barren until Easter Worship Service.

†altar is open

*stand as able