

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Say: "This is the bread of life given for you."

Say: "This is the cup of hope poured out for you."

Responses might be "**Thanks be to God,**" "**Amen,**" or "**Alleluia.**"

(All are invited to come forward to a Table when prompted by the ushers.

The trays contain red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free crackers are available.)

Communion Music

"Communion"

by Maverick City Music

Praise Team

Prayer after Communion

*SONG TO RESPOND (*st. 1, 2, & 5*) "Down to the River"

Music and Lyrics found on bulletin insert.

arr. Michael Kravchuk

Spiritual

*CLOSING LITANY

All: "...Dark is the wine, dark are the shadows, dark is my soul. Can I be at one with Christ? Will I stand watch with him tonight? Or will I sleep at the gate as well? Will I embrace and kiss only to betray?" *(Excerpt from Rev. Theresa Coleman)*

One: We are here tonight in remembrance of him: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." *(John 3:16a-17)* Remember, God loves us...God loves you.

SONG TO SEND

"Precious Lord"

arr. C. DeVries & D. Goeckler

Donna Goeckler, soloist

**=If convenient/able, please stand.*

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The service is not over. It continues tomorrow evening at the Good Friday Worship and concludes with our joyful celebration on Easter morning. The worship services are really one service providing us an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy. They invite us to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Last Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward new and everlasting life at Easter.



April 14, 2022

7:30pm

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin, *mandatum*, which means commandment or mandate. We recall the institution of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. We remember Jesus’ call to our most visible sign of discipleship – loving one another as Christ loves us.

SONG TO PREPARE

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

Terri Monrad, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5a, John 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth — the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn’t extinguish the light.

*SONG TO PRAISE

“Wade in the Water”

arr. Wanda Kirshbaum

Praise Team

Bold font – ALL sing — Normal font – ONE sings

**Wade in the water ~ wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water ~ God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water**
The leader looks like the Israelite ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water**
See that band all dressed in red ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water**
Looks like the band that Moses led ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water ~ wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water ~ God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

Look over yonder and what do I see ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**
Holy ghost a-comin’ on me ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**
You don’t believe I’ve been redeemed? ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water**
Follow me down to Jordan’s stream ~ **God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water ~ wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water ~ God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Creator and Loving God, we gather this evening as friends gathered with Jesus long ago. You kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to serve us this way, and to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all of your graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around Your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only with food, but with the Spirit who brings peace and reconciliation. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, and in resurrection hope. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:35a, 38–39

Who will separate us from Christ’s love? I’m convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

SONG TO PRAISE (*st. 1, 3, & 4*)

“Stand by Me”

by Charles A. Tindley

Music and Lyrics found on bulletin insert.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1–9, John 3:17–21, Matthew 26:6–13

LITANY OF LIGHT

Leader: For all leaders of politically troubled countries,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of justice and light.
Leader: For all families who suffer from political oppression,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of hope and light.
Leader: For all those whose soul is being extinguished by the drives of power and greed,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of repentance and light.
Leader: For all those who are dying of terminal illnesses,
All: We anoint each one with your spirit of comfort and light.
Leader: For all those who are now saying good-bye to a beloved friend or family member,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of presence and light.
Leader: For all those who see suicide as the only solution to their troubles,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of hope and pray God to fan a flame of light.
Leader: For all those who are being consumed by poverty,
All: We anoint each one with God’s spirit of comfort and the light of protection.
Leader: For all those who are living lives of quiet desperation,
All: We anoint each one with God’s healing spirit of peace and light. (silence)