

Maundy Thursday Service

Prayer for Preparation

Covenant God, we bless and thank you for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share. We thank you for this sign of your presence with us and your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem. We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom. May our worship tonight deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.

Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

In worship on this day, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ, and we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith. Let us worship God.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, **we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.**
[Silence] Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, **we have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.**
[Silence] Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, **we are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.**
[Silence] Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Homily

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction