

The Service of Divine Worship
A Service of Word and Table for Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17 2025

About Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, we gather to remember the events of the Upper Room, and our Lord's last evening with His disciples before His arrest and crucifixion. The name "Maundy" comes from the Latin phrase meaning new commandment. On this night, our Lord gave His first disciples and all who follow "the new commandment": "love one another as I have first loved you" (John 13:34).

God Gathers Us in His Holy Presence

The Chiming of the Hour and the Prayer of Invocation

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship** *from Psalm 116:12-14*

People of God, lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

What shall we return to the Lord for His bounty to us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; we will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of His people.

***The Opening Hymn** #202 *"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"* (v. 1-3)

God Convicts, Restores, and Assures Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Eternal and Almighty God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to keep Your commands and to fulfill Your will for us. Though You have freely bound Yourself to us, we do not give ourselves to You. Though You call, we do not answer. In Jesus Christ, You have come to serve us, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We have not loved You fully, and we have not loved one another. In Your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Grant us Your Spirit as You lead us once again to Your table. Stir up Your love within us, and make us one in unbroken union with all who gather here and with all Your children everywhere, and with Christ our Lord,

who is the Bread of Life, and the Vine from which we grow in grace...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Declaration of God's Forgiveness *from Psalm 103:17*

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to all who fear and love Him." I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new!

Alleluia! May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life!

The Sung Response #447 *"We are Forgiven"*

We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in Word and Sacrament

The Scripture Reading *John 13:1-17, 31-35*

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The Sermon

***The Hymn of Response** #203 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* (v. 1-3)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Table Song: #518 "Your Only Son"

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

The Call to Loving Discipleship and Service *from 1 John 4:7-11, 19*

The Congregational Benediction #203 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* (v. 4)