



A SERVICE OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to hold a meal as a household remembering that Maundy Thursday was a day where Jesus shared a meal with his disciples. The meal Jesus shared was to remember the Passover and the story of God's deliverance. Perhaps during dinner, you could talk about/reflect on our faith and what stories, themes, or messages are important for you to remember.

Here is a meal blessing written by Elizabeth Young:

God, thank you for the meal we are about to eat. Bless all the people who contributed to it, and all who are sharing it at this table. We are grateful for this food which sustains us, and for the spiritual food that saves us, today and always. Amen.

A SERVICE OF LIGHT – Begins at 6:30 p.m.

In the sanctuary is the Christ candle and twelve other candles representing each of the disciples. We will light those candles during our opening prayer . We invite you to assemble a similar arrangement at home as well.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER/CANDLE LIGHTING

Written by Elizabeth Young

God of our brightest days and darkest nights, we come together in worship to remember the evening of the Last Supper, when Jesus broke bread and drank wine with the Disciples one last time. We remember that he washed their feet with tender humility. We remember that he loved the one who would deny him, and the one who would betray him, just as he loves us. We remember that Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray and faced his fears alone as the Disciples slept.

As we come together and remember these things, help us to be in community with all people everywhere. Help us to love as Jesus loves. Help us to find the courage we need, even if alone or asleep and unaware, to move toward the Cross and the Resurrection. Help us to know, as Jesus did, that You are with us always. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SETTING THE STAGE

Matthew 26:17-19

As we hear the rest of the story of Maundy Thursday in Matthew's Gospel, we will extinguish a candle after each reading to signify how every disciple fell short on that fateful day.

The Betrayal Foretold and Revealed
A Meal and a Foretelling
"I will not deny you"
"I am deeply grieved"
"Are you still sleeping?"

Matthew 26:20-25
Matthew 26:26-32
Matthew 26:33-35
Matthew 26:36-41
Matthew 26:42-46

Musical Mediation

“The one I will kiss is the man, arrest him.”

Matthew 26:47-50

“Put your sword back into its place”

Matthew 26:51-54

Deserting and Fleeing

Matthew 26:55-56

Musical Meditation

False witnesses

Matthew 26:57-60a

“He has blasphemed!”

Matthew 26:60b-68

“I do not know the man.”

Matthew 26:69-72

“Wept Bitterly”

Matthew 26:73-75

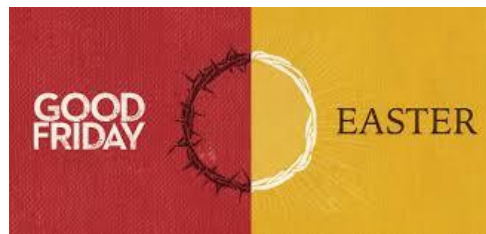
THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

You are invited to linger in the darkness for a time of reflection. When ready, end your silence with whatever song or poem you picked. Keep the Christ Candle lit as a reminder that Christ’s light is always present even in our darkest hours.

Remaining Holy Week Opportunities



- **Morning Prayer** – Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 - Following the daily lectionary for each day we gather on Zoom to gather, share, pray, and listen.
- **Good Friday** – April 10 (Message from Pastor Brent available by 9:00 a.m.)
 - Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Take your place at the foot of the cross to gaze and love poured out.
- **Easter** – April 12 Sunrise 6:30 a.m. Festival Worship 10:00 a.m. **He is Risen!**
 - The sunrise service is gentle, surprising and simple – we will do it on the Zoom platform so people can be with one another. Come and see!
 - Festival worship with Andrea Bargabos (Soprano) will be loud and joyful and exuberant. Watch as new beginnings come from seemingly dead ends.