

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal



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Maundy Thursday
April 6 2023

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Welcoming God, we gather here today to worship and praise you.

All: **We gather to break bread together and strengthen one another.**

One: Responsive God, you hear our prayers, our sighs, our doubts and all our fears.

All: **We give you our thanks for your loving awareness and care of us all.**

One: We gather to learn to love one another as Jesus loves us.

All: **We offer our sacrifice, our homage, our gifts of praise and thankfulness to our God. Amen.**

Prayer

Meal

Scripture: John 13:31-35

Meditation:

Hymn:

"The'll Know We are Christians"

#494 vs 1 & 4

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Scripture Matthew 26:26-30

Communion prayer:

One: We ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and fruit of the vine, on our gifts, and on us.

All: **Be present with us as we share this meal and through all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In Unison*)

O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Strengthen so we may learn to love each other as Christ loves us. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Bread and Cup

***Hymn**

"Abide with Me"

#636

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

***Charge and Blessing**

Holy Week

4/2/23 Palm/Passion Sunday

10 am worship service

4/6/23 Maundy Thursday

6 pm Agape Meal,

table worship, table communion,
in the Community Room

4/7/23 Good Friday

7 pm worship in Sanctuary

4/9/23 Easter Morning

10 am Celebration of the
Resurrection!



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Worship Services

9:00 am - Fellowship

10:00 am – Worship

10:00 am – Sunday School

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