

# Maundy Thursday

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Come, people of God, to know again who you are. Return to the One who gives you life.

**We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

This is the memorial observance of Jesus' last supper, a time for reflection and self-examination.

**We gather to break bread together and to experience our common life in the body of Christ.**

The mandate of this holy night comes from Christ - "a new commandment... that you love one another."

**Even as Christ has loved us, we will enter wholeheartedly into love for all. Amen.**

Hymn: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly #419 vs 1-2

**All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good**

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we confess that we are not only wounded by this broken world, we are also shaped by it.**

**We hoard what we have, as if we were saving ourselves.**

**We cling to comfort, and call it wisdom.**

**We protect our own place at the table, while others are left outside.**

**We come to your feast, but resist your command to love.**

**We want justice, but not if it's too costly.**

**We want communion, without the hard work of community.**

**We confess the sins we know, the sins we excuse, and the sins we barely notice.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

The God who brought a people out of slavery still breaks the chains that bind us.

The God who set a table in the wilderness still feeds those who have lost their way.

The God who raised Jesus from the grave still grows life out of death.

Friends, hear the good news: We are forgiven, and made new.

Thanks be to God.

### Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:1-3

#### The Passover Reviewed

**16** "Observe the month of Abib by keeping the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night. **2** You shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose as a dwelling for his name. **3** You must not eat with it anything leavened. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it—the bread of affliction—because you came out of the land of Egypt in great haste, so that all the days of your life you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt.

### 1 Kings 17:8-16

#### The Widow of Zarephath

**8** Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **9** "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." **10** So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." **11** As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." **12** But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." **13** Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." **15** She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. **16** The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

### Psalm 23 (In Unison)

#### A Psalm of David.

**1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

**3** he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths**

**for his name's sake.<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD**

**my whole life long.**

### Communion: Invitation to the Table

### Telling the Story: Matthew 26:26-30

### Blessing the Elements

### Sharing the Meal

Hymn: I Come with Joy #420 vs 1&2

**I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

### Benediction





Can you find the hidden words in the grid?

- Heaven
- Lamb
- Church
- Risen
- Prayer
- Tomb
- Sunday
- Jesus
- Roman
- Rebirth

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Easter Secret Code

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