Maundy Thursday

Welcome

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.

Hymn: In This Very Room #295 vs 1 & 2

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world, And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,

For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

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Call to Worship

Return to the Lord, God of all mercies, for a feast of love has been prepared for his own.

I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord Happy are they who take refuge in God



Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful God, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Blessing the Elements Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior, Amen.

Hymn: Just as I Am, Without One Plea #339 vs 1 & 3 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Assurance of Pardon

There is forgiveness with God, who promises: I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more. God is faithful to covenant promises and offers us the new covenant in Christ Jesus. Christ welcomes us to the communion table to give thanks and to remember. Praise be to God!

Scripture: Luke 22:7-20

Communion: Telling the Story

On the night in which he was betrayed, and while they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said.

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you" And when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, shared it with his disciples and said,

Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

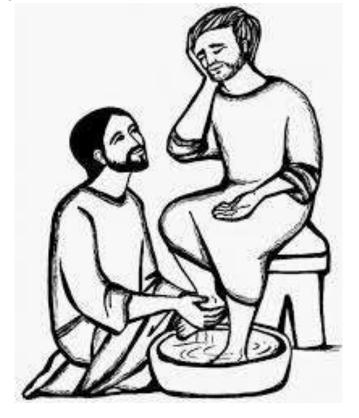
Sharing the Meal

(As you pass the bread around the table say to one another: The bread of life broken for you.)

Hymn: An Upper Room with Evening Lamp Ashine #428 vs 1& 4 An upper room with evening lamps ashine, the twelve disciples, and the table spread; now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine, and in remembrance bless and break the bread.

So send us out, to love and serve and praise, filled with his Spirit, as the Master said: love, joy and peace the wine of all our days, Christ and his life our true and living bread.

Benediction





Jesus said to his disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me."