

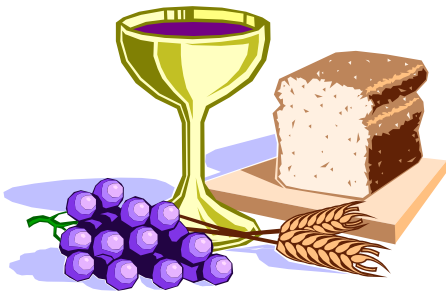
Do  
This...



...in  
Remembrance







# Maundy Thursday

April 5, 2012 7:00 p.m.

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)*

According to John's recounting of Jesus' final night with his disciples, Jesus gave them this "new commandment." The name for this holy day, "Maundy Thursday," comes from the Latin word, *mandare*, which means "to command."

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *On this day..*

**People: Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself  
into the hands of those who would put him to death.**

Leader: *On this day...*

**People: Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

Leader: *On this day...*

**People: Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do for others  
as he has done for us.**

Leader: *On this day...*

**People: Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we, who eat this bread and drink this cup,  
may proclaim his holy sacrifice  
and partake in his resurrection,  
and, at the last day, reign with him in heaven.**

\*HYMN #261

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Verses 1-3)*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

*[Hymn continued on next page]*

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Congregation reads **BOLD** type.

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on John 13:34-35)**

Leader: God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus – Savior and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – that new commandment: *"...Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*



Leader: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served...

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us...

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then deny him by our actions...

**People: Forgive us.**

**ALL: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

**\*PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (based on John 12:47; 13:1)**

Leader: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"* and *"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."* The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (#261, Verse 4)**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all:

**People: And also with you.**

*[Please greet one another with "The peace of Christ,"  
or with other expressions of fellowship.]*

BIBLE READING

Mark 14:12-25

*A Betrayer Shares the Feast*

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Written in Red*

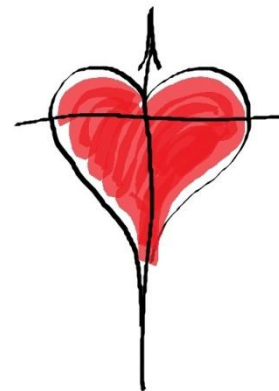
MEDITATION

*Look Who's Coming to Dinner*

HYMN #257

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD - OUR CREATOR, REDEEMER AND SUSTAINER

Leader: Gracious God, our Creator, we give you thanks...

*[Congregational Response continued on next page]*

**All: For the wonder and goodness of Creation,  
for so bountifully providing for our needs,  
for staying with us though we turn away from you,  
and, in your abounding mercy,  
for seeking to restore us in our brokenness  
to your wonderful image.**

Leader: Loving Jesus, our Redeemer, we give you thanks...

**All: For your servant's life of preaching, teaching and healing  
and for your atoning sacrifice on the Cross  
which has both restored our relationship with our Creator  
and broken the power of sin to control our lives.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, who sustains us moment by moment,  
we give you thanks...

**All: For your transforming presence  
which creates unity from our diversity  
and makes us one with the living God  
we worship in Jesus Christ.  
Prepare us to be faithful disciples, modeling Jesus' love, humility, obedience  
and concern for justice for a world in need.**

Leader: O Lord, as the Body of Christ, bearers of Good News and God's  
ambassadors of reconciliation, we now lift up to you the  
prayer which Jesus taught, saying...

**All: 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#260 *The Old Rugged Cross*, v. 1)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

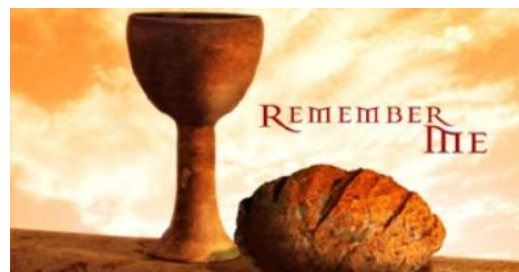
**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Bread of Life... the Cup of Salvation*



*[You are invited to receive communion at the front of the sanctuary by "intinction."  
Please leave your pew and come forward via the center aisle. Take a piece of bread  
from the loaf and dip it into the cup. Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those who  
are not able to come forward will be served in their pew.]*

PRAYER OF SENDING

Leader: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.

**People: You have fed us with the bread of life,  
and renewed us for your service.**

Leader: Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,  
to be his faithful disciples,

**People: So that our daily living may be part  
of the life of your kingdom,**

Leader: And *our* love be *your* love reaching  
out into the life of the world,

**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS**

THE SHADOW OF AGONY IN THE SPIRIT

Mark 14:26-42

HYMN #283

*"Were You There?"*



**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Mark 14:53-54, 66b-72

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Mark 15:22-32

HYMN #283

*"Were You There?"*

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*He Died for Me*

Adult Choir

THE SHADOW OF FORSAKENNESS

Mark 15:33-36

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Mark 15:37-39

HYMN #283

*"Were You There?"*

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

A GLIMMER AMONG THE SHADOWS

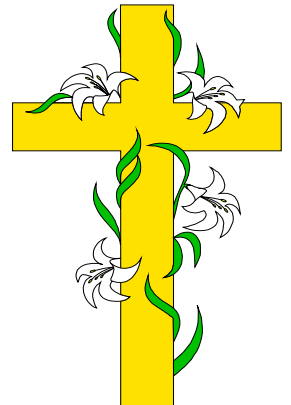
John 1:1-5

*\* The Peace of Christ be with you! Please leave in silence \**

## ***Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday, April 8***

**SUNRISE SERVICE**, 7:30 a.m., At our outdoor worship in the Temple Building lot, we'll recall in word and song the joy of the discovery of the empty tomb that first Easter morning. After worship, all are invited to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

**FESTIVAL WORSHIP**, 11:00 a.m., Join us for this traditional, joyous service of worship with special music by our choir, a time to share the Easter message with children and an encouraging message of hope.



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