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Maundy Thursday

A DIVERSE FAMILY, BROUGHT TOGETHER BY
FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2021

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (together)

Gracious Lord, as the disciples of Jesus, we bow before our meal to give thanks. We are grateful for this night and for what it means to us. We give thanks for Jesus and for those who followed him. We give thanks for one another, and for the love and the common commitment we share. And now receive our thanksgiving for this food. Nourish our needy souls by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST (from Matthew 5)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

THE CHALLENGE

You who call upon the name of Christ, we are gathered to recall the story of the night in which Jesus Christ was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus, who gave his life for truth, and to manifest the love of God?
By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?
By the grace of God, we are.

Will you follow Jesus even into the night when his passion begins?
By the grace of God, we will.

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!
God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gracious God, beneath the shadow of his cross, in the communion of his spirit, in the fellowship of his church, we meditate and pray.

We remember Christ. We remember that he has eaten with us the bread, and drunk with us the cup, that he has shared communion with us in our joys and sorrows, and that he has tasted what it was to die.

We remember the gracious beauty of his life, his obedience unto death, the clarity of his cross, and his victory over sin and sorrow.

We remember all that we owe him: our nearness to you and to one another, a humility of spirit, and our deeper and more peaceful sense of immortality.

Impress and quicken our hearts with the memory of our brother and Lord, till we learn to serve him, to follow him, and to carry his cross. **Amen.**

MUSIC MEDITATION

Richard Binder

THE BREAD

Lord Jesus, on this night we remember you and all you went through. We remember your betrayal and broken body. We also remember your forgiveness, which you shared even on the cross.

We are thankful for you. We praise you. May we live for the things you lived for. May we follow you with all our hearts. **Amen.**

THE CUP

Lord Jesus, on this night, we remember you and all you went through. We remember how you washed feet. We remember how you gave yourself to others. We remember how your blood was shed. As we follow you, may we give ourselves unselfishly as you did. May we love each other. May we serve each other. May we forgive each other. And may we be your agents of peace in the world tonight, tomorrow and forever. **Amen.**

SILENCE

READINGS

The Last Supper and Washing of Feet
[John 13:1-5, 12-15](#)

Rev. Susan Sparks

*Jesus' New Commandment
and Foretelling Peter's Betrayal*
[John 13:33-38](#)

Cheryl Sims

Jesus' Prayer
[John 17:1-5, 20, 21](#)

Jacki Friedmann

Jesus in Gethsemane
[Mark 14:32-42](#)

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley

Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest
[John 18:1-12](#)

Mildred Remy

Jesus Before the High Priest
[John 18:19-24](#)

Faith Grill

Jesus Before Pilate
[John 19:1-7](#)

Richard Binder

The Crucifixion
[John 19:13-16](#)

Rev. Susan Sparks

DARKNESS AND SILENCE



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