

Maundy Thursday



Do this in remembrance of me.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 9, 2020 ✕ 7:00 pm

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Maundy Thursday*

Maundy Thursday, observed by Christians on the Thursday before Easter, marks the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples prior to his arrest and crucifixion. The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment.” The primary commandment of Jesus’ message is found in the story of the Last Supper when Jesus humbles himself to wash the disciples’ feet. He then commands them to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anita Thompson

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing.

Come and receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:

“Love one another.”

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.

**We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross,
so that our Easter “alleluia” will take on new meaning.**

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ,
that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.

HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

WOODSWORTH

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Thompson

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17; 31b-35
Matthew 26:20-25

Mr. Jim Wiggins,
& Mr. Andy Woodard

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

HYMN

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

WOODSWORTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thompson

Living Christ, on that night long ago, you knew that your hour had come. You knew full well what lay ahead of you. Your disciples loved you and followed you, but they had also failed you. They would fail you yet again that night, and one would betray you. Yet you lovingly washed their feet, as a servant would – even the feet of your betrayer.

We have also loved you and followed you. We have also failed you.

We cannot fully comprehend the love that you show us,

love that is our example,

love that tells us to do as you have done for us.

Therefore, this is our prayer:

May we be like you, Loving Christ, who was a servant of all.

May our lives bear witness to our desire to be your faithful disciples.

May we love each other, just as you have loved us.

We pray in your holy name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

Fellow children of God, Christ calls us to love, serve, and remember.
As we remember the times that we have failed,
God hears our cries and offers us the cup of salvation.
We are God's children, redeemed by Christ's grace.
We will love, serve, and remember.

HYMN

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.

WOODSWORTH

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:9-11

Dr. Gilliam

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

You Got This

Dr. Gilliam

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

+HYMN

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

WOODSWORTH

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+RESPONSE

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3), through our church website, and on Facebook live.

We are thankful for Vicky Overman and Jim Wiggins for their assistance with worship leadership tonight.

You are invited to join us tomorrow evening for our annual Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 pm. The Service of Tenebrae commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as He suffered death on the cross.

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