



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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The word “maundy” (môn-dēē) in Maundy Thursday refers to the mandate or command that Jesus gave his disciples the night before he died.

Gathered in an upstairs room, Jesus washed the feet of all of his disciples and told them to love and serve each other.

Pictured to the left, Jesus, on this night, had given his disciples the ultimate example and act of love. As he was eating the Passover meal, he gave them bread and wine and told them, “This is *my* body. This is *my* blood. This is for *you* for the forgiveness of sins.”

In love, he gave them his own flesh and blood so that they might taste, touch, and smell the forgiveness he was giving them. In the next several hours, they would witness him offer that same body and blood on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice that gives us peace with God.

According to his promise, he still offers us his body and blood for our continual forgiveness in the Lord’s Supper. Used by his command and connected to his Word, his body and blood come to us in bread and wine and we receive all of the blessings he won for us on the cross.

May God bless your worship tonight!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

2 stanzas

This recording of this hymn is sung by a choir. You are invited to sing along or simply listen to the powerful lyrics set to this beautiful melody.

**Soul, adorn thyself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous supper founded.
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth
Yet to dwell with me he deigneth**

**Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, thou my friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
At thy feet I cry, my Maker:
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, thy glory, given.**

SERMON

Luke 22:47,48

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH INTO WAR: THE BATTLE IS PERSONAL

HYMN RESPONSE

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

1 Stanza

Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee.
By thy love I am invited;
Be thy love with love requited.
From this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts thou here dost give me
As thy guest in heav'n receive me.

Amen.

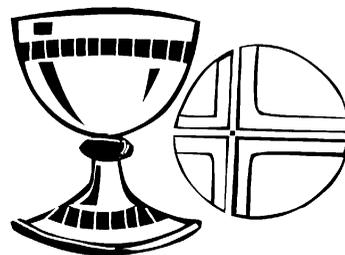
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for personal meditation

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,
in the sacrament of Holy Communion
you give us your true body and blood
for the forgiveness of our sins and
as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross.
Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise
that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



GOSPEL

John 13:1-15,34

^{13:1} It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

OFFERING

The offering is one way that the members of Southridge Church show our thanks and love to God for all the blessings he has given us. If you'd like to participate, feel free to do so.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

"Behold the Lamb" by Keith & Kristin Getty

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for
2. The bod - y of our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, torn for
3. The blood that clean - ses ev' - ry stain of sin, shed for
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -

us and we re - mem - ber
you eat and re - mem - ber;
you drink and re - mem - ber
spond and to re - mem - ber

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid for
He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His suf - er - ing, we pro -

drink of this sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace
drink of this sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love
drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace
claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

a - round the ta - ble of the King.
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PSALM 88

Oh Lord my God I cry, unto you day and night
Incline Your ear to me, let my prayer rise to Thee.
My soul is in despair. My life draws near to death.
I'm bought down to the pit, a man who has no strength. I cry to You.

Do You work wonders for the dead oh Lord?
Do the departed rise to praise You?
Is Your great love declared in death oh Lord?
Or Your wonders in the darkness?
Still I cry to You. Still I cry to You.

Have you forgotten me? In regions dark and deep?
I feel cut off from you. Your wrath lies heavy on me.
You've caused my friends to shun me. I am despised by them.
I'm trapped inside this horror. My drooping eyes grow dim. Hear my prayer.

Do You work wonders for the dead oh Lord?
Do the departed rise to praise You?
Is Your great love declared in death oh Lord?
Or Your wonders in the darkness?
Still I cry to You. Still I cry to You.

I weep now, helpless and alone. I weep now, weep now.
I weep now, my God where have you gone? I cry to you Lord!

Do You work wonders for the dead oh Lord?
Do the departed rise to praise You?
Is Your great love declared in death oh Lord?
Or Your wonders in the darkness?
Still I cry to You. Still I cry to You.



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