

Tsawwassen United Church

Maundy Thursday

April 5, 2006, 7:30 PM

The word 'maundy' comes from the Latin 'mandatum' meaning 'commandment.' Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Traditionally on Maundy Thursday three things happen: feet are washed, Communion is shared and the Sanctuary is stripped of all decoration.

Tonight as you arrive we hope that as part of your preparation for Worship, you will consider having your hands washed in the Narthex.

During the service we will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our service will end with the extinguishing of the Christ Candle. You are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence. Our offerings will be received at that time.

The congregation is asked to participate when the words are in bold print and to stand when willing and able at those places marked "*".

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

OPTIONAL HAND WASHING IN THE NARTHEX

PRELUDE: The Last Supper

~ John Innes; arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

SILENT PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD:

*O Great and Gracious God,
we come this night aware of the hurts of a broken world.
We also come because at times our own spirits are dry and thirsty.
Remind us, as we break bread,
of our need and your sufficiency.
Draw us nearer to each other and to you.
And as the night advances,
deepen in us the knowledge of your steadfast love.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Servant Messiah, you knelt before the disciples.

We come to remember and worship this night.

Generous Teacher, you washed your followers' feet.

We come to remember and worship this night.

You gave of yourself in bread and wine

and you asked us to love one another in your name.

We come to remember and worship this night.

*HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU 135

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL AS FOOT WASHING — A Reading and a Ritual
(With members of the Youth Groups.)

*HYMN: Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold

VU 134

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:

On the night in which he ate supper for the last time
with his friends, Jesus said to them:

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.”

Sisters and brothers in Christ, may the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We offer to one another the Peace that is Christ.

ANTHEM:

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees ~ Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larson

READING (Reader: Lynne Meinert):

1st Corinthians 11: 23–26

pew Bible N.T. p.163

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

VU 148 (sung twice)

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light,
Giver of life, Source of love.

**From the dust of the earth,
you created us in your image.**

**From the bondage of slavery,
you delivered us.**

**Through all our wilderness wanderings,
you guided us.**

Now you call us to renewal and repentance,
to justice and compassion, to healing and wholeness.

HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

VU 148 (once)

We thank you, O God, for sending us Jesus,
your chosen One, Bread for our journey.

**He lived and loved his human life,
taking upon himself human suffering and sorrow,
being tested as we are tested,
and reaching out to the victims of the world's brokenness.**

In him we come to know your truth
and to feel the life that is Christ within us.

So it is that on this night
we worship you and praise your name.

HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

VU 148 (once)

As we gather at this table,
we remember that on the night before he died,
Jesus had supper with his friends.

He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have done,
broke the bread, and gave it to them saying:

**“Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks,
he passed it to his friends, saying:

**“Drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood.
Each time you drink from this cup, remember me.”**

The Bread is broken:

The Bread of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The Cup is filled:

The Cup of Blessing.

Thanks be to God.

As Communion is served, you are invited to sing or hum, ‘Jesus Remember Me’.

PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION:

**O God, our Saviour, you are the power
of loving service in the world.**

**Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus
who on the night in which he was betrayed
gave himself to his friends
in humble service and in Bread and Cup.**

**May we follow his example
and share our life with your world.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN:

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare VU 130 (Tune 437 'St. Clement')

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHT

O God, on this night we remember.
**We remember Peter, whom you loved, yet who at first,
refused to have you wash his feet.
Later, though he loved you, he denied you three times.
Together, we remember.**

*The first candle is extinguished.
Silence*

O God, on this night we remember.
**We remember Judas, the one who sat near you at the table,
the one you loved even when you knew that it was he
who had arranged to turn you in to your enemies.
Together, we remember.**

*The second candle is extinguished.
Silence*

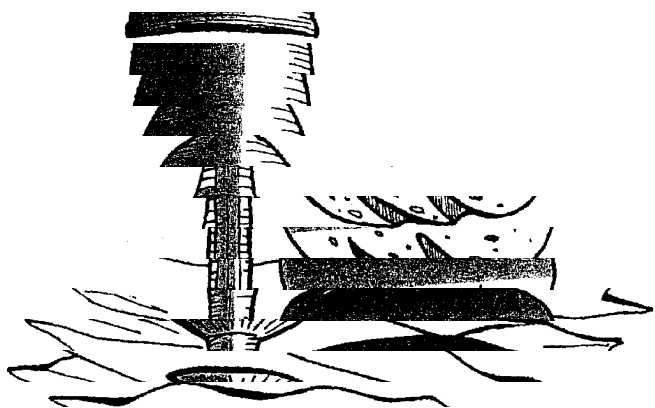
O God, on this night we remember.
**We remember those who promised to stay by your side forever,
yet who could not stay awake with you, even for one hour.
Together, we remember.**

*The third candle is extinguished.
Silence*

O God, help us to endure the darkness of Christ's death
and the complete silence from Friday to Sunday,
a time when you seemed to be absent from the earth.

**Help us to endure and to wait on you, O God.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

*The Christ Candle is extinguished.
We leave in silence.*



Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

Communion at the 12th Avenue dyke on the beach,
led by the Youth Group.
A light breakfast at the church will follow.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.