

Maundy Thursday

April 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.



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.

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.

Tsawwassen United Church

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Gethsemane Prayer

~ Paul Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP:

And this is the judgment:
that the truth has come into the world,
and we loved our illusions, rather than reality.

God is true:

in God there is no falseness at all.

For God was in Jesus, not to condemn the world, but to restore the world.

Everyone who does evil hates the truth

and does not live in the spirit of love.

But all who do what is true, live in the Spirit.

Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*HYMN: Breathe On Me, Breath of God

VU 382

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Examine me, O God, and know my heart;
test and judge my thoughts.

Find any deceit in me

and guide me in the way of life.

silence

Create in me a new heart, O God,

and strengthen me with a constant spirit!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

All God asks of us is a humble spirit;

God accepts a contrite heart.

God has delivered us from death,

our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.

We walk with God in the land of the living.

*HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane

VU 133

FOOT WASHING

*HYMN: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

VU 593

FOOT WASHING/HAND WASHING

CHORAL ANTHEM: Alas, And Did My Saviour Bleed

~ Sandra T. Ford

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

PEACE:

On the night he ate supper for the last time with his friends,
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."
My brothers and sisters in Christ
may the peace of Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU 135

COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

VU 914

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**God our Saviour, power of loving service in the world,
we thank you for Jesus,
who on the night he was betrayed, gave himself to his friends
in humble service, and in bread and wine.
May we do the same for the whole world,
as we follow his example. Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN: Were You There?

VU 144

SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS

After each scripture reading, a candle is extinguished.

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 53:1-3

Isaiah 53:4-8a

Matthew 26:6-13

Matthew 26:17-19

Matthew 26:20-22, 31, 33-35

Matthew 26:26-30

Matthew 26:36-42

Matthew 26:43-46

Matthew 26:47-52, 56b

Matthew 26:57-58, 69-71

Matthew 26:73-75

BLESSING

We leave in silence.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

At the 12th Avenue dyke on the beach.
A light breakfast at the church will follow.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.