



MAUNDY

Thursday

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

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Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Hymn 494: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

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Depart in Silence

With nightfall, our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the heart of the **Maundy Thursday** liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. We are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord’s table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves, in love for the life of the world. May it be so!

At the conclusion of this evening’s liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.

To mark Good Friday, we gather at 10 A.M. for solemn worship. Come and worship!

You are invited to join us for the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection on Easter Sunday at 10 A.M. **Sunday School is cancelled for the day.** Families and loved ones are encouraged to worship together.

The **LORD JESUS** on
the night when he
WAS BETRAYED
took a loaf of bread...

1 Corinthians 11:23, NRSV

