



Maundy Thursday

6 p.m., April 6, 2023
Shelby Presbyterian Church

Intergenerational Table Style Service

GREETING AND SETTING OF SCRIPTURE

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CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION

Margie Trivett

Let us bless this night and meal, remembering why we are here.

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth wheat in the fields and fruit of the vine, making us holy, set apart by grace.

Indeed, it is by grace that the Lord, our God, made a covenant with Abraham that his descendants would be a light to all nations by which all would be blessed.

By grace, the Lord, our God, preserved the children of Israel from famine in Egypt where they prospered, until the power of this world enslaved them.

Indeed, it is by grace that the Lord, our God, heard the cries of the oppressed and delivered his people from the bondage of Egypt.

By grace, the Lord, our God, established a meal to mark their deliverance, centered on the lamb and unleavened bread, by which we remember the sacrifice that spared them the final plague and how they left in a hurry.

Indeed, it is by grace that the Lord, our God, sent the eternal Son to be born in the flesh of Abraham's descendants to be the light and blessing for all.

By grace, the Lord, our God, established this meal to mark our deliverance, centered on his body and blood, by which we remember his sacrifice which frees us from the bondage of sin and death.

Indeed, it is by grace that the Lord, our God, pardons our sin and cleanses us to be the temple of the Holy Spirit, in and among us as a people called to share his light.

In faith, we turn to the Lord, lay down our excuses and trust in the Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (silence)

ASSURANCE: Sisters and Brothers, believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

OPENING HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Come Holy Spirit, come. Renew the face of the earth. Instill in us your love, that we might hear the word and be empowered to do your will. Amen.

FIRST READING: John 13:3-17, 34-35

HANDWASHING: Each table has a bowl of water, and each person has a napkin. At each table, choose one person to dip their napkin first and wash the hands of the person to their left. Continue around the table until the first person's hands are washed. As you wash the hands of your neighbor, you may say, **"In obedience to Christ, I am your servant."** As your hands are washed, you may respond, **"Amen."**

HYMN: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"
THIRD READING: Matthew 26:26-35 Drew Mangione
MEDITATION: "A Disciples Work is Never Complete, Nor is Failure Final"

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In Remembrance" (Red/Courtney) Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Drew Mangione & Carol Ann Hoard

COMMUNION: The same person who began the handwashing should begin Communion, turning to their neighbor with Matzah to say, "**This is Christ's body, given for you,**" to which the person responds, "**Amen.**" When all have received the bread, do the same with the cup, pouring the juice and saying, "**This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**" The response again is, "**Amen.**"

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verses 1, 3, 4)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Psalm 118 (1-6, 24-26a, 28-29) Bly Borders

O give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good. **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let Israel now say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the house of Aaron now say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let all now who revere the Lord say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

I called upon the Lord when I was boxed in. The Lord answered me and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side. I will not fear. What can humans do to me?

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

We implore you O Lord, save us. **Please, O Lord, deliver us.**

We implore you O Lord, grant us success now. **Please, O Lord, send us prosperity.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **You are our God! And we thank you.**

You are our God! We raise you up!

O give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good. The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

FINAL READING Matthew 26:36-46 Carol Ann Hoard

FINAL HYMN: "This is the Night" (led by the choir)

CHARGE AND BLESSING Drew Mangione

DEPART TO STRIP THE SANCTUARY

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