



# Maundy Thursday

6 p.m., March 28, 2024  
Shelby Presbyterian Church

Intergenerational Table Service

GREETING AND SETTING OF SCRIPTURE

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CALL TO WORSHIP, CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Debra Haddock

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.**

Tonight, we confess that if this meal were a reward for being sinless, we would not be here. We have all sinned. This is not a reward, but a sign of our faith in God's faithfulness and to give us strength for our journey.

**The Lord is merciful. The Lord is our grace. The Lord is with us. All praise to the Lord who forgives our sins. Amen.**

By grace, the Lord appeared to Abraham and Sarah. The Lord called them and established a covenant with them by which all the nations of the world would be blessed. By grace, the Lord was merciful to their great grandchildren by taking what they meant for evil and using it for their good. The Lord protected them in Egypt, but it was not their home, and when the empire oppressed them, the Lord heard their cries and delivered them from bondage.

**Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who brought your people out of Egypt and established this meal to mark their freedom through the lamb and the unleavened bread on the night of their escape.**

The Lord's chosen people later chose to be like the nations. They even worshipped other gods. Taken into exile to the lands of Abraham's ancestors, the Lord later brought his descendants back to the promised land. In the fullness of time, it was by the Lord's faithfulness that the eternal Son was born a descendant of Abraham and Sarah in the line of David, to be for us a priest, prophet, and king – the true light of the world for every nation.

**Great is the Lord, who shared in our humanity, died for us, and rose for us. All praise to the Lord. Amen.**

By grace, the Lord God sent the Holy Spirit to descend upon the church, creating one new people, made up of every nation, so that all might serve the Lord alone, knowing the depth of our God's love.

**Send down your Spirit, O Lord, to be upon us and upon these gifts at our table, that they may become for us a holy meal and empower us by your grace to be your body in the world.**

OPENING HYMN #202:       *"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"* (verses 1, 2, 3)

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 13:2-17, 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 #203: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*  
SECOND READING: Mark 14:12-21 Drew Mangione  
MEDITATION: A Night to Remember

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Mark 14: 22-26) Drew Mangione

COMMUNION: The same person who began the handwashing should begin Communion, turning to their neighbor with Matzah to say, **"Take. This is Christ's body,"** 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 Christ's blood of the covenant poured out for you."** The response again is, **"Amen."**

HYMN #218: *"Ah, Holy Jesus"* (verses 1, 2, 5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Psalm 118 (1-6, 24-26a, 28-29) Carol Ann Hoard

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 your abundance.**

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 Mark 14:27-46

FINAL HYMN #220: *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* (verses 1,2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

DEPART TO STRIP THE SANCTUARY

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