



# Holy Week

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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 14, 2022  
MAUNDY THURSDAY

*We will celebrate the sacrament of communion in our worship tonight. If you are joining the worship service from home, you are invited to assemble what you will eat and what you will drink before the service begins. It can be bread and grape juice or wine or something as simple as a cracker or rice cake and water for use in our worship.*

“To eat this particular meal together is to meet at the level of our most basic humanness, which involves our need not just for food but for each other. I need you to help fill my emptiness just as you need me to help fill yours. As for the emptiness that’s still left over, well we’re in it together, or it in us. Maybe it’s most of what makes us human and makes us brothers and sisters.”

Frederick Buechner

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends in Christ: it is Maundy Thursday, the day of the new commandment—that we, as followers of Christ, should love one another.

On this night we remember who we are:

Not just individual Christians, isolated believers.

We are together the body of Christ.

We are the friends of Jesus, a community of Christ's disciples  
and when one suffers we all suffer.

**On this night we remember the events that make us who we are:**

**The meal Jesus shared with his disciples and gave to all who follow him.**

**His commandment that we love one another as he loved us.**

**The betrayal and desertion of Jesus by those closest to him.**

**His faithfulness to death, even death on a cross.**

On this night we receive the things that nourish who we are:

The bread broken and wine poured out for us and for all people.

The renewal of our covenant with one another that together we might be a faithful body  
of Christians.

The good news that even in the darkest hour

Christ is risen and goes before us.

\*HYMN 94 (vs. 1 & 2)      "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper  
room long ago.**

**We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.**

**We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits.**

**Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency.**

**Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness.**

**Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of  
faithfulness and thanksgiving.**

**As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our  
friend and redeemer. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS      I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13: 34-38

MEDITATION BEFORE COMMUNION

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

HYMN      "As We Gather at Your Table" (vs.1)      BEACH SPRING  
(The words and music can be found [here.](#))

**As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.**

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

**We thank you, O Christ,  
that you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,  
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.  
May they speak to us  
of the everyday made holy,  
of life made new,  
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SUPPER TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Psalm 103: 1-2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and forget not all God's benefits. Amen.**

HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table" (vs. 2)

**Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.**

"When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." (Matthew 26:30)

\*HYMN 83 (vs. 1-4) "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

## TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION    Matthew 26:31-35    James Robinson

THE AGONY OF THE SOUL    Luke 22:39-44    Laurie Stunz

SOLO    “Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley”  
Chris Nakielski

“THE HOUR IS COME”    John 17:1-6    Bryan Clemons

“THAT ALL MAY BE ONE”    John 17:15-22    Tom Mittman

ARREST IN THE GARDEN    John 18:1-5    Ginny Clemons

HYMN    “What Wondrous Love Is This”    WONDROUS LOVE  
(The words and music can be found [here.](#))

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss,  
To bear the heavy cross, For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

DENIAL OF PETER    Matthew 26:69-75    John Fieselmann

SHADOW OF THE CROSS    Mark 15:16-20    Bill Lovin

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

THE SEALING OF THE TOMB

DARKNESS

SOLO    “Were You There”

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD    John 1:1-5    Bill Lovin

There is no benediction. Our worship continues on Good Friday at noon. You may stay in the sanctuary for as long as you like. The congregation is asked to leave quietly.

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*Maunder* is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “to command.” The word refers to the “New Commandment” to love one another that Jesus gave to the disciples at the supper on this Thursday, the night before his death. As we worship in these days, we do not pretend that we do not know what will happen to the crucified Jesus. All through these days the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed.

*Tenebrae* is the Latin term for “shadows.” It is a service of lessons accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. It is historically associated with the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week, with the readings on those evenings commemorating the events of the following day. On Wednesday the readings commemorated the Last Supper and the betrayal and arrest of Jesus; on Thursday, Christ’s passion, trial, and death; and on Friday, Christ’s burial and the destitution of the disciples. Tonight those events are combined in one service.

Friday, April 15

Good Friday Worship Service

Noon

Sunday, April 17

Early Service 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast Rockwood Hall, beginning at 8:30

Festival Easter Service with Brass and Choir 10:15 a.m.