

Maundy Thursday Meal & Worship

April 6, 2023 5:30 PM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: *Sing Praises, All You Peoples (Holden 22)*

Sing praises, all your peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all your peoples,
sing praises to the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who is invited to this table?

All:

**All are invited!
the young and the old,
the rich and the poor,
the stranger and the friend,
sinners and saints together in communion.
Come find your place here
where there are no strangers,
only siblings in the sight of God.**

And so we pray:

We thank you, God, for every blessing.

All:

**This place, set aside as a place of healing, love, and shared life.
This meal, made with human hands from the earth's bounty.
These people, flawed but beautiful vessels of grace.
This time, where we remember Christ's presence in our midst. Amen.**

WE OFFER CONFESSION

Jesus taught us this is the way to life: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Lover of our souls, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

All:

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We repent; have mercy on us and help us to walk in your ways. Amen.**

(pause for a time of silent confession)

Welcoming God, come and renew us.

All:

**Draw us close, that your will might be our will too.
Teach us to love with humility and open arms.
Give us peace and forgiveness in your name. Amen.**

SONG: *Kyrie Eleison (Holden 21)*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, eleison, eleison.

WE REMEMBER

In this meal, we remember our Brother Jesus. He was born a bright light in a dim world. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God in bold words and loving deeds. For this, he was crucified by fearful people. But he rose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God. In the midst of this meal we set three symbols, so that we may remember:

Reader 1: A candle, to remind us that he poured out his Holy Spirit upon us, giving us life, power, and hope. We, filled with this Spirit, are signs of God's presence to the world.

Reader 2: Bread, for he is the bread of life. He nourishes us and we put our trust in him.

Reader 3: A cup, to remind us of his sufferings. He took up the cup with his friends before he was crucified and his blood flowed. He suffers still when the oppressed suffer injury at the hands of the powerful.

Let us pray:

Lord, we welcome your presence with us.

All:

**May the food and companionship we share
nourish our bodies, hearts and minds.
And may our spirits be refreshed
as we live in the light of your presence.
With us now, and at all times and places. Amen.**

WE OFFER PEACE

Our brother Jesus said: "I give you my peace."
Let us share his gift among ourselves and all humanity.
The peace of Jesus is with us!

**All: Let us open our hearts to God and to one another.
Amen.**

THE MEAL IS SHARED

SONG: *Listen (Holden 25)*

Listen, listen.
Be open, O my heart.

SCRIPTURE: A reading from John 13:1-17, 31b-35

REFLECTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Holy One be with you

All: And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

**To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks
and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In this meal, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of the One who still takes on flesh among us today.

On the night he would be arrested, Jesus gathered his friends and companions.

In the midst of a tense and dangerous time, they found each other at table, connecting over the story of God-enfleshed among them.

And as they did so, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he also took the cup, gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so we pray,

Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renewer of life,
be in these gifts and all who gather here,

that we might be transformed in our remembrance of your radical love,
your eternal embrace, and your grace that makes all things news.

All:

**For the sake of our shared lives, the life of this land on which we live,
and the lives of those yet to come, nourish us and renew our hope
that soon Christ may rise again among us. Amen.**

(adapted from enfleshed.com)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator who art in heaven...

**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Eat this Bread

Peace, Be Still

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled

Though the Earth Shall Change

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Holden 34

Holden 23

Holden 42

Eat this Bread (472)

“Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.”

Peace, Be Still (34)

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.
The storm rages. Peace, be still.

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (23)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Be not afraid.
Heaven and earth have been gathered.
Be not afraid.

Though the Earth Shall Change (42)

Though the earth shall change,
though the mountains tremble,
though the waters rage, you, God, are here.
Though the nations war,
though the peoples battle,
though the empire falters, we will not fear.

As we remember how Jesus is to be stripped of everything,
including his own life, you are invited to gather up in the
sanctuary as we remove all of the paraments, leaving that
space bare.

PSALM 88 (canted)

We depart in silence, quietly reflecting on the Good Friday that is to come.

Good Friday Service of Shadows – 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday Worship – 10:30 am with coffee and snacks to follow
(provided by Augustana Church Council)

Thank you to our readers, altar guild, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud; and all who assisted in worship today including those who brought potluck.

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