

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever... Amen.

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu

J. Brahms

(Ah, Holy Jesus)

Call to Worship

*Hymn #94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Litany for Lent

On this day, Christ the lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
Lord, we praise you.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. **Save us, Lord.**

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. **Thank you, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

(Kyrie Eleison)



Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy on me.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

(pew Bible OT, p. 58)

New Testament Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

(pew Bible NT, p. 107)

Meditation

Chad McCain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Last Supper

Communion Anthem

As We Break the Bread

J. Althouse

*As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, all our strength will be supplied,
Lord Jesus will provide. And may it ever be.
As we break the bread, as we drink the wine,
in this holy place we will know the tender grace of Jesus Christ who said, "Remember me."
This is the body broken; this, our daily bread.
This is the blood of the covenant; with it we are fed.
As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, we remember Jesus said, "I will rise up from the dead."
In his death we shall be free from all sin eternally, for our Lord and Savior said, "Remember me."
As we break the bread, as we drink the wine, we remember him.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Charge and Benediction

*Hymn #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Postlude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

J. S. Bach

(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper: Today, we will be receiving communion by "Intinction." All those who trust and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, including children, are invited to participate. All who are able are asked to process forward up the center aisle to one of the stations up front, take a wafer from the plate, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and then return to your seat along the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please remain in your seat and a server will come to you with the elements.

Maundy Thursday: On Maundy Thursday, the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the *Triduum*, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples. In other words, this is "new commandment Thursday."

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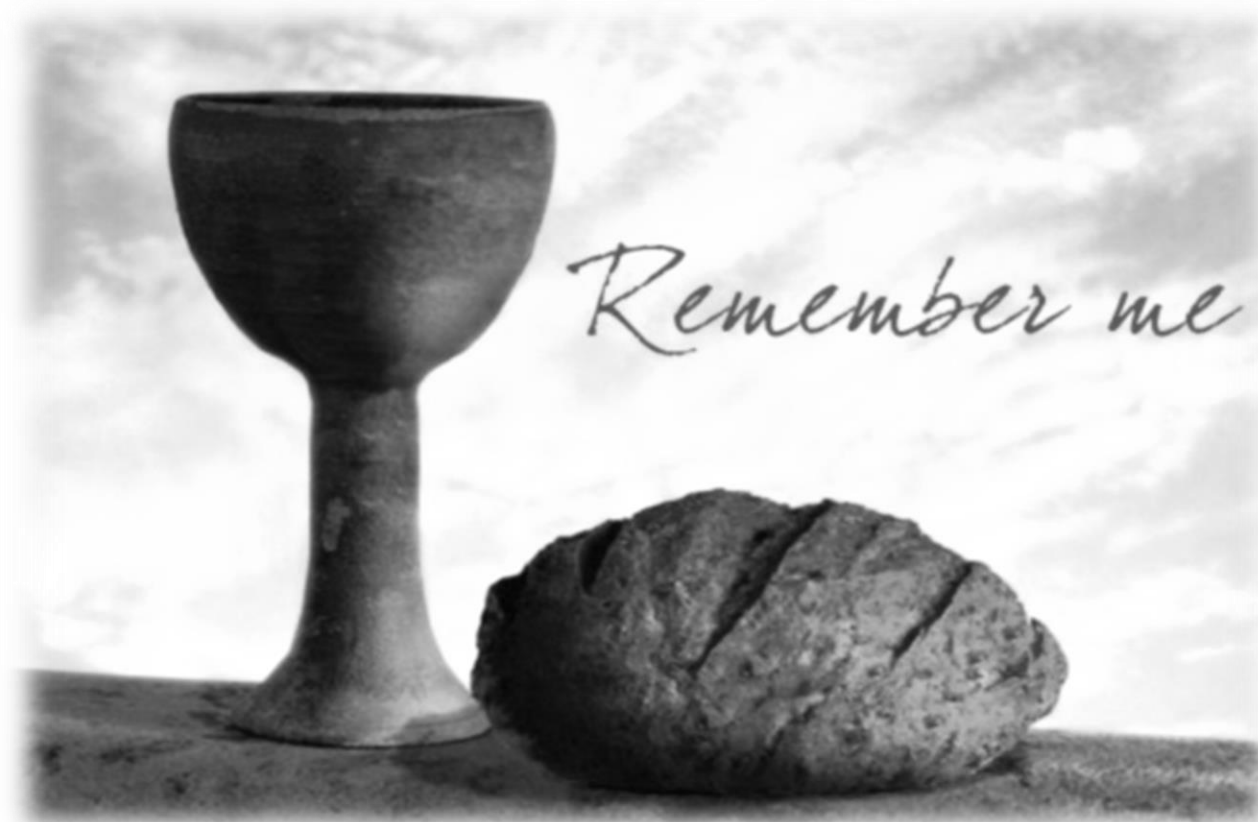
Members Helping Members for April: Janice Berkley 384-6925 and Persis Tinsley 384-1547

Good Friday: Join us tomorrow night, Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we recall the events of Jesus' last words on the cross. Nursery will be provided.

Easter Sunrise: Join us on Easter morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Columbarium for our annual Easter Sunrise Worship. We will recall the events as shared in John and Mark, and our souls will be awakened to sing, "Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!"

Easter: Easter Worship will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Church Offices Closed: Monday, April 22.



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