

Maundy Thursday Live Stream

Opening prayer

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world.

Song "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone o Lord are holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace
Alleluia

Prayer of Confession

Lord, Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you;
Like Peter, we have denied you;
And like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.
We plead for your forgiveness and mercy
And ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside
But follow you to the very end –
For the final victory belongs to you. Amen

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrated his own love for us in this;
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us
For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
And brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
In whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading: John 13

Reflection

Tenebrae

A solemn observance known as Tenebrae, was first celebrated in the fourth century. The word Tenebrae means “darkness.” Here candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the darkness that came over the earth at the crucifixion. As we conclude our service we remember the events that followed the last supper. Jesus was **betrayed, arrested, falsely accused, beaten, mocked, and crucified.** Yet a single candle, symbolizing Christ, remains lighted for the light of Christ can never be extinguished. In that light we find forgiveness and fellowship in communion with our Lord.

Song: “Stay With Me”

Stay with me, remain here with me.

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Ruler of the universe, we thank you for your mighty acts of deliverance, when you enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank you for the deep love of Jesus, which moved him to risk himself for the redemption of humanity; and for the grace we experience in receiving these symbols of the life he gave. In His Name we pray Amen.

Benediction

Go in peace, May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.