
Maundy Thursday Communion Service ***April 14, 2022 • 7:00pm***

In this service we remember the night in which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper with his disciples, followed by his betrayal and arrest. The service concludes with the stripping of the church, when the communion elements and other liturgical decorations are removed from the sanctuary.

THE PREPARATION

Prelude: *Come to Me*

Wendell Kimbrough

Call to Worship (responsive)

*On this day Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.*

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

**that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

God's Greeting

Hymn: *We Come As Guests Invited*

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith
c. 1984 Hope Publishing Company

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
for us in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine--
renewed, sustained and given by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

READING I: Luke 22:1-13

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

*Merciful God, we have not loved you
with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.*

[silence]

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

[silence]

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

[silence]

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us
in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

Song: *O Christ, the Lamb of God*

Red Hymnal 630
women and children, men, all

THE MEAL

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*...With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of
heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

READING II: Luke 22:17-20

The Remembrance

We shall do as our Lord commands.

**We proclaim that our Lord Jesus Christ
was sent by God into the world,
that he took upon himself our flesh and blood,
and bore the wrath of God against our sin.**

**We confess that he was condemned to die
that we might be pardoned,
and suffered death that we might live.**

**We proclaim that he is risen
to make us right with God,
and that he shall come again in glory
to his new creation.**

This we do now, and until he comes again.

The Communion

*Come to Me
Behold, the Lamb*

Wendell Kimbrough
Red Hymnal 840:1-3

THE FELLOWSHIP

READING III: Luke 22:14-16, 21-34

Silence for Reflection

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended*

Red Hymnal 172:1,2

Stripping of the Church

organ solo: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Helmut Walcha

God's Blessing

We Leave in Silence

Worship Leader: Pastor Noah Livingston
Organ: Jan Musch
Bass: Victor Chen
Drums: Adam Langs
Keys: Marilyn McLaughlin
Piano: Dan Oram
Readers: Eric Wright, Marilyn McLaughlin, Jon Cooper