



SHALLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

"Do this in remembrance of me." – Luke 22:19

Service for Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

**Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand.*

*All speak words in **boldface**.*

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded" Simon Sechter

INTROIT "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" David Justice
SPC Bell Coir

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from 1 Corinthians 10:15-16, 11:26*)

I speak as to sensible people;
judge for yourselves what I say.

The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break,
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*HYMN #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" BREAD OF LIFE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Almighty Lord, you give us power to accomplish great things,
but if Christ is not at the heart of what we do, all is in
vain.

Open our hearts to know true life with you.

While you offer a feast of abundant grace, we covet places
of honor while denying others a seat at the table.

Guide us in ways of faithful discipleship.

You promise salvation for all who call upon your name, but
pride and fear keep us silent.

Help us to speak the truth with boldness.

We are passive in our witness and cowardly in your service;
we rationalize acts of cruelty as necessary because we
lack the moral conviction to resist oppression and
injustice when it happens before our eyes.

Give us strength to stand for what is right.

SILENT PRAYER

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.

Let us show your love each and every day! Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:21-35

ANTHEM

“Remember Me”

Aaron Adams

Lynn Auman - Violin

*At the close of the day in an upper room,
the Lord sat down with the twelve.*

It was then that He took the bread, broke it and blessed and said:

“Take, eat and remember Me. This is My body I give for you.

Take, eat and remember Me. Remember Me”

*The disciples ate with their Lord that night,
not knowing this was the last.*

It was then that he took the cup, raised it and blessed it and said:

“Take, drink and remember Me. This is My life-blood I give for you.

Take, drink and remember Me. Remember Me”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 26:47-56

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

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.

Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

*HYMN #504

“We Come as Guest Invited”

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

– *All depart in silence* –

Lynne Young & Eric Lehmann – Ushers
Steve Wingfield, Patsy Calhoun, Sarah Braddock,
Betsy Braddock – Communion Servers
Susan Lehmann - Greeter
Martha Warner – Liturgist

What is Maundy Thursday?

The fifth day of Holy Week is known as Maundy Thursday. It commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples the night of his betrayal and arrest. While the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke follow the same general pattern when describing the events of that fateful night, the most detailed account comes from the Gospel of John, which encompasses nearly 25% of the gospel! Some of Jesus' most well-known and beloved sayings (not to mention his boldest theological claims) come from this rather extensive monologue.

Jesus prefaces these lessons with the words, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."* [13:34] The Latin phrase for "new commandment", *mandatum novum*, is where Maundy Thursday derives its name.

Nearly all Christian traditions celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. It echoes the Passover feast – the traditional Jewish *seder* that commemorates the meal eaten by the Israelites before the flight from Egypt and the beginning of the journey to the Promised Land [Exodus 13:3-10]. In scripture, both meals are intended as perpetual observances united by themes of sacrifice, liberation, and the fulfillment of God's promises.

Maundy Thursday represents a time of solemn remembrance for Christ's sacrifice for us, yet it remains an occasion for great joy as we look forward to Easter morning and the miracle of an empty tomb!

We do not collect an offering for our Maundy Thursday service, however, offering plates are located by the sanctuary exits for anyone wishing to leave a gift. Thank you for your support of this church and its ministry!



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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

