

# The Gathering

The history of humanity is a story of occasional leaps in the right direction, followed by a return to the old ways. We go ahead two steps, back three. We don't always see where we are going or that God is with us. We join the Jews in the wilderness and Jesus on the streets of his time and place. Tonight we enter the upper room with the disciples, there to be with our Master for one last time before his ultimate sacrifice. We know that, like the disciples, we will affirm and deny. May we, also like the disciples, finally come to that moment when we meet a risen Lord and journey to the Kingdom at his side.



## THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land

Gethsemane ..... American Folk Hymn c.1842  
Setting by Roger C. Wilson

“When Jesus Wept” ..... William Billings  
Setting by Dennis Elliot

Ave Verum Corpus ..... W. A. Mozart  
*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered on the cross for humanity.  
Whose side was pierced, pouring out water and blood.  
Be a foretaste for us during our ordeal of death.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

*(Psalm 22:1-11)*

## A TIME FOR LAMENT

*(During the singing you are invited to come forward and attach your burdens to the wooden cross.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Quartet  
Tia Seay, Connie Holmen, Brad Kallenberg, Michael Cage

Is Your All on the Altar ..... Elisha A. Hoffman

## HYMN (See Insert)

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. David Coggins

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

My sisters and brothers,  
Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

**Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Response:**

UMC #484 *Kyrie Eleison*



Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving:  
help us now to grasp the nature of your love.

Help us to pray honestly  
as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

*Silent Reflection*

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt: **(R)**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,  
and have been quick to take offense ourselves: **(R)**

Where we have scorned difference  
and have been indifferent to those in need: **(R)**

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,  
and have ignored the injustice around us: **(R)**

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.  
When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,  
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.  
For your faithful love we praise you.

**AMEN.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

### John 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Deep Cleansing at the Cross”*

### The Last Supper

(Rev. Jason Alspaugh)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

The Lord’s Prayer

HYMN (See Insert)

#191 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

SONG OF WAITING

First Baptist Quartet  
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Just for Me ..... Kenneth W. Louis

*Just for me, they pierced Him in His side; He hung His head and died.  
He did all that just for me. O what a shame to kill Him, as He hung on  
that rugged cross, His death was surely needed to save this world from  
being lost. My blinded eyes were open so that I might see;  
He did all that just for me.*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After the song is sung the congregation will be asked to  
begin leaving in silence, reflecting on the meaning of the events  
of Christ's life and ministry we have remembered tonight.*



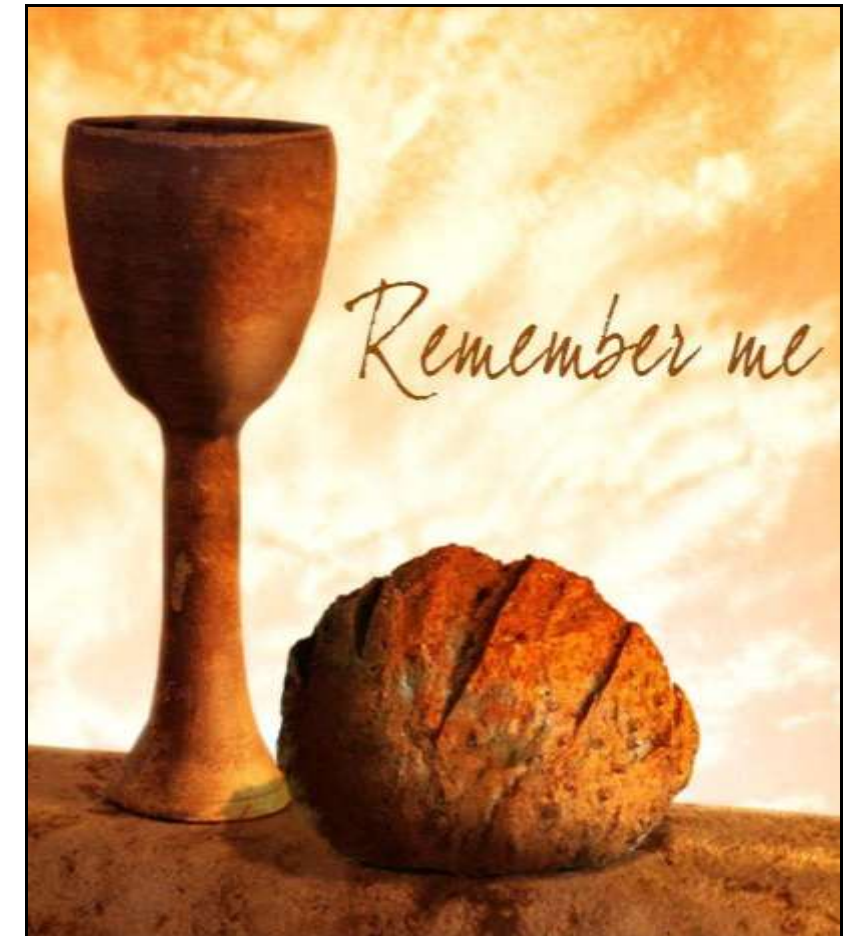
MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Thursday before Easter is called “Maundy” based on Christ’s command, which in Latin is the word “mandatum,” that his disciples should love one another. In fourth-century Jerusalem there were special services at the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, and in North Africa an evening Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper. By the sixth century in the West, the Blessing of Oils and the Reconciliation of Penitents took place on this day. By the Middle Ages the stripping and washing of altars and the “pedilavium” (foot washing) were added. The latter ceremony was sometimes performed by sovereigns, and the modern English Royal Maundy Service is a modified survival of this.

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*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers  
in Jesus Christ through worship, education,  
fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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