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Obedying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.

We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world.

In remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving as together we claim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this bread and this cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord, and that we and all who share this feast may be one with Christ and he with us.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing of the Bread and Cup

The Communion of the People

(Please come forward using the center aisle; gather around the communion table 6-8 at a time; I will pass the bread and the cup; when we are done place the cup on the table and return to your pew using the side aisles.)

Prayer After the Meal

WE REMEMBER OUR JOURNEY TO THE GARDEN

A Time of Prayer

The Word of the Lord ~ Matthew 26: 36-46

The Prayers of the People of God

WE REMEMBER THE CRUCIFIXION

A Time of Great Sadness

The Word of the Lord ~ John 19: 1-19

Anthem ~ Holy Darkness

The Draping of the Cross

Closing Prayer

Once the Light of Christ is carried from the sanctuary and when you are ready, please leave this sacred space in silence.

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Maundy Thursday, March 20, 2008

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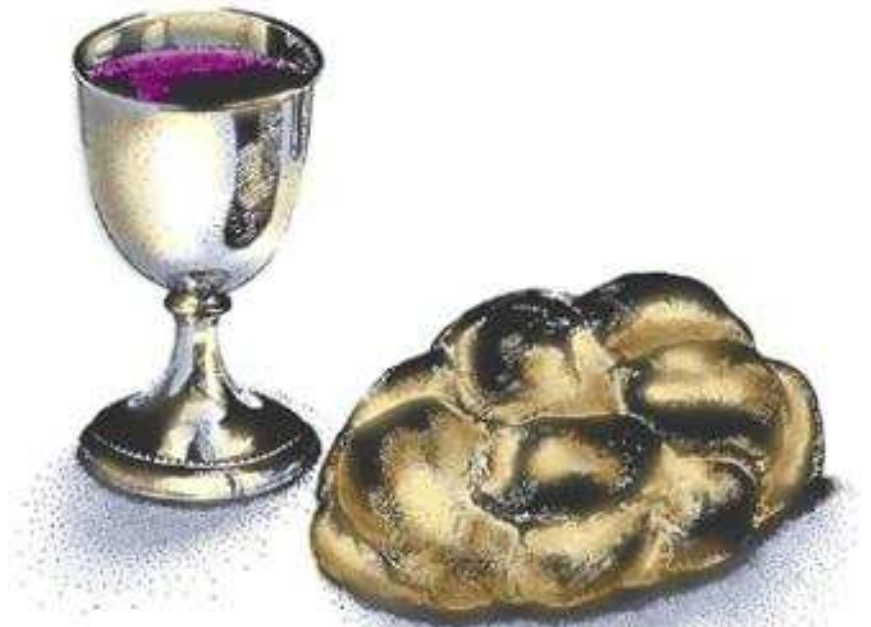
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*The Symbols of Lent ~
The Cup and Leaf*





7:15 PM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family!
The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."

Maundy Thursday Service

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, friend, to this holy night.

We come to share this hour with God and to remember.

Yes, we remember an upper room and a garden.

We remember a washing and a meal.

We remember that friends, not enemies, betrayed, denied, and deserted.

We remember that we have it in us to fail those we love.

We remember it was those same friends who shared a meal and pledged loyalty.

We remember that we, too, are often more courageous in word than in deed.

We remember Peter, who did not want to be washed.

We remember that there are times we, too, will let those who love us care for us.

We remember those who slept in the garden while Jesus wrestled with his soul and with God.

We remember that there are times when we, too, are not present to the pain of those we love.

Above all, we remember Jesus, who washed feet and shared a meal despite it all.

We remember such a love - a love that claims us, that holds us, that refuses to abandon us, a love that sets an example.

We remember. We remember.

CENTERING PRAYER

O Holy One, we come this night to your table, near your basin, by your towel, in sight of your cross, and we stand hushed before all that is about to unfold.

In its light we see the shadows that live in us.

In your self-giving, we see our fearful grasping and self-seeking.

In your steadfast resolve in the face of death, we see our tentative commitments and our willingness to abandon them when they become inconvenient.

In your courage to forgive those who abandon you, we see our shallow and begrudging love.

Yet, knowing who we are, you invite us to your table; you eat with us; you give yourself to us.

In your presence tonight, deepen our life in you, broaden our hope in you, grow our hearts in you and in your love as we remember. Amen.

*HYMN ~ #98

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

WE REMEMBER THE FOOT WASHING

A Time of Confession ~ Introduction

The Word of the Lord ~ John 13: 1-17

The Ritual

The Prayers

As you touch your forehead...

"Holy Christ, wash and cleanse my mind.

Purify my emotions, intentions, and interior life"

As you touch your lips...

"Holy Christ, wash and cleanse all that comes out of this mouth.

May it tell truth and speak love."

As you touch the back of your hands...

"Holy Christ, wash and cleanse these hands and all that I do in my life.

May these hands do as you would do and may these feet walk as you would walk.

So be it. Amen. "

WE REMEMBER THE MEAL

The Word of the Lord ~ Matthew 26: 26-30

Hymn #2266

"Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"

The Symbols of Lent ~ The Bread and the Cup

Reflection

The Communion of the People of God

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Your beloved Son came as a servant to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life. We thank you for inviting us to feast with the one who died for us, and who calls us to serve each other in love.

Tonight we remember your Son.

Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of