

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*CLOSING HYMN "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

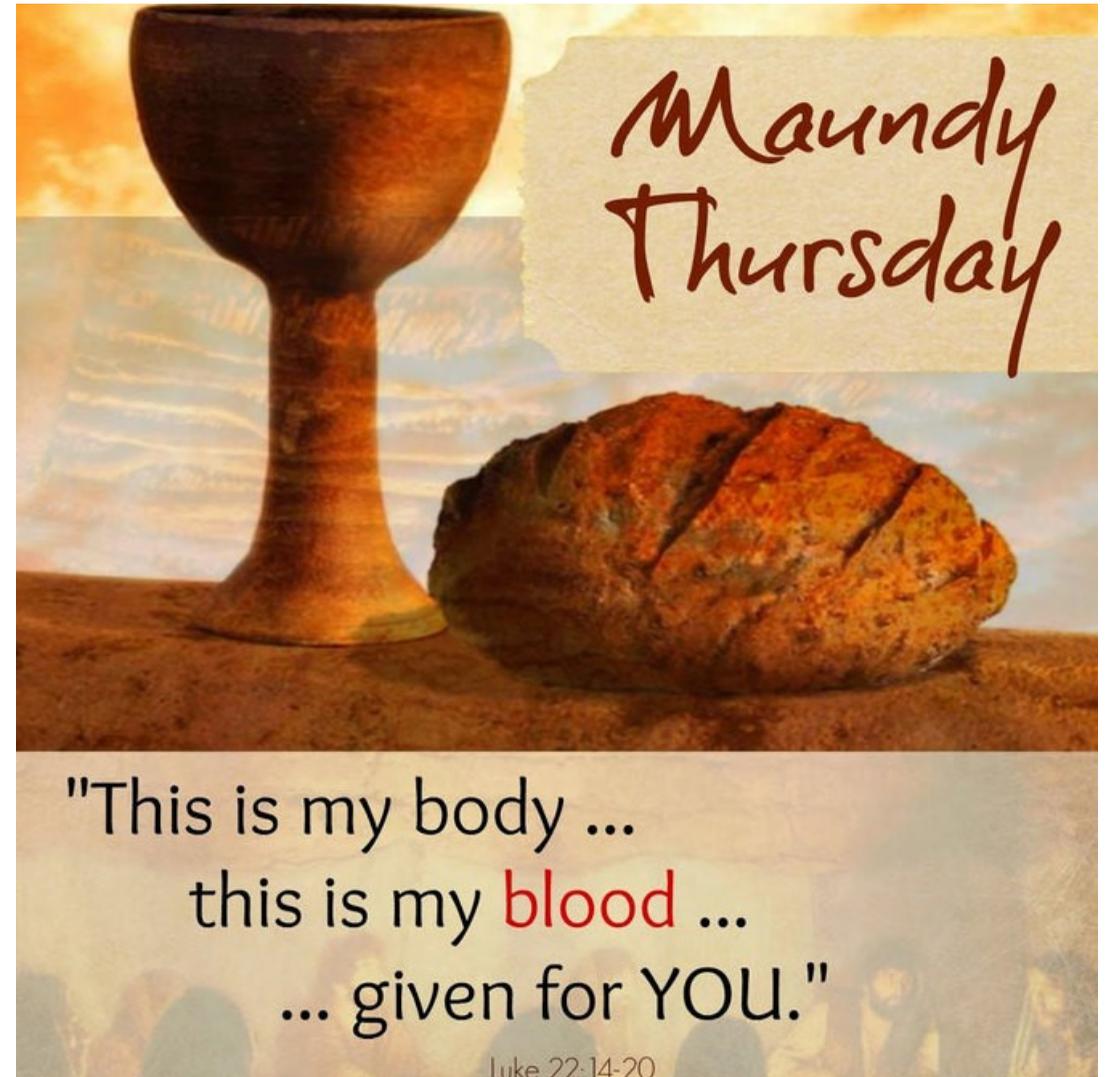
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(* All who are able should please stand when noted.



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Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: This shall be the day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to God.

People: We will pay our vows to God before all the people. We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.

Leader: This is a time for remembering the Last Supper. You are called to the table to celebrate with Jesus.

People: We have gathered to break bread together. We will lift up the cup of salvation.

Leader: This is the hour when we are recalled to the command: You shall love one another, as I have loved you.

People: We remember that Jesus washed the disciples' feet. In covenant with Christ, we seek to serve.

*UNISON INVOCATION

On this day, O God, you link us with sisters and brothers who celebrate the Passover, even as we remember an upper-room gathering that began a new observance. We thank you that on the night of his betrayal, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Similarly, he declared a new covenant in his blood and directed us to drink, remembering his death. Take us back to that room that we may know Christ's presence and be transformed in this hour. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

(vs 1,3,4)

TIME OF PRAYER (Prayer of Confession)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, all who have resisted help from another out of pride or desire for independence. We cannot be Christian alone. We are dependent on God. We are in debt to Christ, who humbly washed the disciples' feet, then broke bread with them to announce his impending death.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We cannot deserve the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, made on our behalf. We have resisted the servant role as beneath our dignity. We do not care to wash feet. Why should we stoop down before people who many deny and betray us? O God, we confess under the shadow of the cross that our faith wavers before threat, and our love is limited by self-interest. We want to serve without sacrifice or inconvenience. We need forgiveness and the courage to love by those higher values that Jesus represents. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God hears our voices and listens to our supplications. Our spiritual ancestors found relief from the plagues in Egypt and freedom from bondage when they cried out to the living God. So, too, those who seek to know and serve God today are offered the cup of salvation. It overflows with love that enables us to love one another.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14: 22-26

John 13: 1a, 3-10a, 31b-35 NRSV

SERMON

"Water, Bread, Wine"

Pastor Mary

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Communion Song"

Rick Hobbs

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING of the ELEMENTS

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Grant, O God, that the ears which have heard the voice of your song may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have tasted your living body may be restored in newness of life.

Glory be to you, O God!