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Virtual Gathering at the Upper Room

Holy/Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Centering Music: Bread of the World - Bourgeois

*Let us Center our Hearts on the Love and the
Call of God, to Love and Serve.*

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Spiritual Focus:

Maundy Thursday

*a time for reflection on the Love of Jesus
and the Call to Discipleship*

Opening Words: John 13:34-35

Jesus said, "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,
if you have love for one another."

Beloved, as one family let us pray together
our opening prayer.

Opening Prayer (All):

**Holy God, we come and gather in the shadows
of Jesus' suffering caused by this world.**

**We come with his friends of the past, the
present and the future,
United in Your Love.**

**Tonight, we become aware once again about
service and care for each other.**

Trust and betrayal that is found in this world.

**Weakness and courage that play a part in our
daily duties. Giving up and perseverance that
wrestle in us every moment.**

**We come to witness your Love in action
once again.**

**Be evident to us afresh in this virtual
gathering, wherever we are found, but most
of all, in our hearts, minds, souls and
actions.**

**We pray, because of our teacher and friend,
Jesus himself. Amen.**

Hymn: Voices United 806

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): John 13:17

**Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
we pray, that we may see the light of your
Word in the darkness of our lives.**

**And seeing, may we understand;
understanding, may we do all that you ask.
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

More Voices 16 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You a-lone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

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Gospel: John 13:1-5 New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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.

Hymn Voices United 348 *"O Love, How Deep"*

Maundy Thursday &

The Mysterious Gift of Washing

"You are Beloved" - "Thanks be To God"

Hymn More Voices 16 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

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Gospel: Luke 22:14-20 New Revised Standard Version

The Institution of the Agape Feast

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and

gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant..."

Hymn Voices United 480

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer for the Agape Feast (All):

Blessed are you, Creator of Universe. You give us bread and wine, simple staples of life, fruit of the earth. May these humble elements become the banquet of your Eternal Love present to us in this sacred moment, as we communion with you, with Jesus and each other. We are embraced in your Love and your Grace, and we are eternally grateful for this Truth. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

Jesus, the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey

Jesus, the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant

Prayer after the Agape Feast (All):

God of Love,

we rise from this virtual table

knowing a Love beyond our deserving.

Thank you for giving us a place at your table;

for serving us the bread of life;

for offering to us, even to us,

the cup of the New Covenant.

In humility and hope,

we go now from this night

and wait patiently for Your promised day.

In Trust we pray. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 951

"Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

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