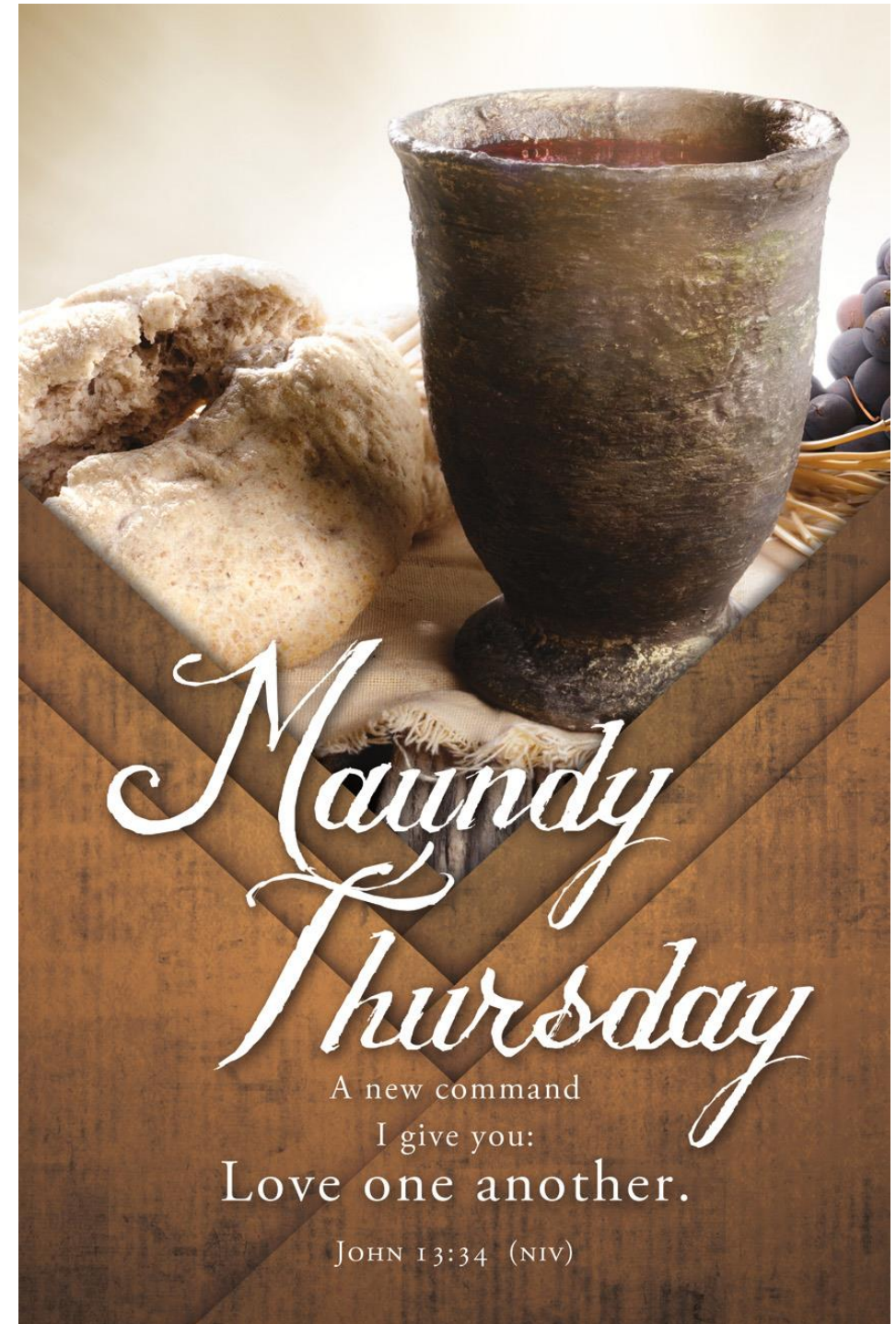


**Join us on Good Friday for the Walk of the Cross.
Beginning at Christ Church, 30 Church street and proceeding
through town with various stops, concluding at Grace United. All
are welcome.**

**At 3:00 pm on Good Friday, there is a special presentation of, "*The
Servant at Supper*" a play by Eleanor Glenn, describing the Last
Supper, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection, through the eyes of
a servant girl. Good will offerings for the benevolent fund,
supporting those in need in the community.**

**Easter Sunday – Communion
A wonderful service is planned and we are blessed to have a Brass
Quintet join us for our service at 10:30am.**





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Maundy Thursday

Call to Discipleship

"Love, as I have Loved You"

April 6, 2023



Welcome

Introduction: *What is Maundy Thursday?*

Opening Words: **John 15:5-8** (NIV) – *Rev. Takouhi*

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Here ends the first reading.

Voices United 372 "Though I May Speak"

- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Words: Hal Hopson 1972.

Music: trad. English melody' adapt. Hal H. Hopson 1972

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Invitation to Confession:

Prayer of Confession (Responsive): **John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

One: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still
love us— you love us from eternity to eternity.

**All: We sometimes deny you and our calling
to serve one another.**

One: Like the disciples, sometimes we betray you,

All: **and we betray the commandment to love one another.**

One: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

**All: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love
and serve one another by the example you have set for us;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Voices United 333 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,

till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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John 15: 9-17 - *Tammy Fergusson*

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

Hand Washing Ceremony



Voices United # 266 - "Amazing Grace"
(vv. 1-3)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Gospel John 13:31b-35 – Vicki Leakey

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 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."

(Please remain seated)

Voices United # 266 - "Amazing Grace" (vv. 4-5)

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Mandate of Love

By: Rev. Takouhi

Holy One,
Your mandate to us is to live Love,
and make this world a better place.
Jesus, our Teacher, Friend, and Example to follow,
took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to others.
He was the Word made flesh, Your Word, the Bread of Life.
Today, we want to be like Jesus,
and have your Word live in and through us.
Therefore, we urge you to bless us, break us,
and help us share ourselves with others – even to
the point of death.
You promise to sanctify and multiply
all that we willingly give and

help us make your Kingdom evident in our midst.

As we journey on,

May we bless all who come our way
as you bless us unconditionally.

May we willingly wash the feet of others,
feed their hunger, quench their thirst, and continue this journey
by trusting you and YOU ALONE.

Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Commissioning (Responsive):

One: Renewed in the life of Christ by sign and action,
live your lives in him, rooted in his Body



established in faith, and abounding in thanksgiving.

**All: May the blessing of God continue to be evident to us
as we journey on. And help us share this anointing
of Love with EVERYONE!**

Voices United # 144 – “Were You There”

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
4. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

*** (at the 5th verse we begin to leave the sanctuary quietly)**

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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