

**Order of Worship for at Home Use
Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020**



Welcome to worship with Grace@Home!

We pray that you are blessed as you worship, that God will provide you with all hope and mercy as you enter into His Presence.

*Today is
Maundy Thursday.*

A day of remembrance.

As we begin you are invited to **prepare your worship space**. As we worship we will be participating in and remembering the Last Supper. **For Communion this evening**, you might want to prepare a plate with **bread** and a glass with grape **juice or wine**. *Please, use what you have, a slice of bread or a roll, water, wine, or juice is fine...don't run to the store if you don't have it.* Prepare before you begin.

If you wish, please play the worship video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dsiOZkVhh8>



Let us Prepare our hearts and minds to worship our God.

Music for Contemplation

Lead me to the Cross

<https://youtu.be/U8L-t0YwWjI>

Kathy Koch and Dana Pope

Meditation “Challenge to Remember”

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://youtu.be/A1Ev8iiNdfA>

Meditation Transcript

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Every communion service includes the words of Christ at His last supper to, “do this in remembrance of me.” Maundy Thursday is a service of remembrance. In fact, maundy means to remember. When we take communion, we relive Christ’s last supper. We hear the words that Christ spoke to His disciples gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. This was on the night He was betrayed, tried, persecuted and ultimately put to death.

In the act of communion there is more theology than just remembering. When we relive this event, we are actually nourished in our faith and we are bound together with Christians of all times and places who follow our Lord, Jesus. Our church constitution affirms this where it says:

“The Lord’s Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God’s sustaining grace offered to all people. The Lord’s Supper is at once God’s gift of grace, God’s means of grace, and God’s call to respond to that grace. Through the Lord’s Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord’s Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world.

When we gather at the Lord’s Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ’s presence and unites with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.”

Communion is reliving the Lord's Supper and it unites us together as the Body of Christ. Communion has not always been done in churches and cathedrals. In the early church it was done in people's homes and wherever people of faith gathered. In the act of communion, the early church wanted to remember Christ as they were nourished in faith, body and soul. In this moment in history we are in our homes, forced there by a viral threat. But we are still the church, we are united and nourished in our faith as we remember Christ and relive the Last Supper. In this moment, as you celebrate communion, know you are part of the Church of Jesus Christ, bound together as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are part of the Church of Jesus Christ and you are nourished, body and soul, by the faith that God gives you in this moment. We are not defeated; we are united in Christ!

The Service of Communion https://youtu.be/L10hspy2_F4

Communion Transcript:

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.

Friends, this is the Lord's Table, our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared. As we walk through these dark days we remember that our Lord Jesus knows well what that means for us.

Today, we remember as we gather around the table...in our own homes... that Jesus gathered His friends around a table in order to nourish them in the faith, reveal to them who and Whose they were, and to show His love for them.

As we come to the table today, we also remember Jesus' great love for us.

Please pray with me:

God of glory, we are so grateful that in Your Mercy You not only invite us to Your table, but You continue to call us back to You every time we stray. We thank You for the gift of Your only Son, the way to eternal life, Who loves us even to death on the cross.

We praise You, and we sing once again with the angels, *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.*

You are holy, God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

We thank You that Jesus took for us the weight of our sin, and carried for us our guilt. We thank You that He shares our life in every way, and in His dying and rising we have been delivered from slavery to sin and death, and brought into a new life by covenant of water and Spirit.

We remember now Your mighty acts, Triune God, and we ask that You pour out Your blessing on this bread and on this cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By Your Spirit, unite us now with Christ and with all that are baptized in His name, around every table around the world, that as this bread is Christ's body for us, You would send us out to be the body of Christ for the world. Amen!

On the night of his arrest, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and after giving thanks to God He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, *Take, Eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

And in the same way he took the cup saying: *this cup is the new covenant in My blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until He comes again. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

Come, and share in the joyful feast of God, for all is prepared.

As you take the bread, share the words: *This is Christ's body, broken for you* or *this is the bread of heaven*.

As you share the cup, share the words: *This is the cup of salvation* or *this is the cup of the new covenant*.

* Hymn of Remembrance

The Old Rugged Cross

<https://youtu.be/NE4d9a-aQkU>

Lisa Elliott, Dr. David Dorway, Jill Usry-Taylor

* Benediction from the **Franciscan Tradition**

May God bless you with Discomfort ...
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with Anger ...
at Injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with Tears ...
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,
and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness ...
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

As you continue to worship this week, please keep the following people in prayer, reaching out to one another in word or deed, and continue to support the ministry of Jesus Christ at Grace Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas.

In Need of Prayer

Violet Cross (*Spanish Hills Wellness Suites*)

Dolores Harris (*Merrill Gardens*)

Mary Phillips (*Legacy House*)

Bill Franklin (*Summerlin Hospital*)

Judy Aitken, Becky Aldridge, Alice Black, Bill Carlston,
Bob Clark, Carol Daniel, Ann Donithan, Rosamaria Duenas,
Pennie Everhart, Joice Franklin, Pam Kodey, Lara Kolberg,
Dorell Koon, Carole McKinnis, Sherrie Miles, Beth More, Don
Neeley, Maggie O'Donnell, Alice & Gary Oiler, Dodi Palmer,
Russ & Pat Reid, Aminta & Jorge Santanilla, Marty Swartout,
Nick Vogelzang, Sharon Wilson, Dick Wohletz, and Lynne Zenier.

In Memoriam:

Jack Crockett 3/18/2020

Randy Innis 3/18/2020

Clark Trapp 3/18/2020

Ruthy Stull 3/19/2020

Ted Phillips 4/1/2020