

Self-giving God, in Jesus you became the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world, and the living bread, broken for the life of your children. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people, as fragile and fitful as your disciples, may become your temple, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Blessed and broken God, be among your people who taste the bitter herbs of slavery and oppression; be close to your children who are poured out in grief and despair; remake the church, your Son’s body, where it is broken by discord and dispute; and renew your creation in the joy of thanksgiving. Spread your table in the face of friends and enemies, that all may know your peace and gather in the company of your saints, where you, in the presence of Christ and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, are all in all, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

Benediction

Major Treadway

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Holy Week—Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

6:00pm

Welcome/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

In This Moment of Remembrance

Wood

Reading of the Passover Story

Exodus 12:1-14

Major Treadway

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

Can You Drink This Cup?

Martin/Courtney

Nenette Measels, Angie France, Clark Measels, Thomas Bass, quartet

Can you drink this cup, embrace it in your hands?
Can you look inside and face what it demands?
In the wine you see reflections of your soul.
No one else can drink this cup that you must hold.

Luke 22:7-13 (Thomas Bass, reader)

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Can you drink the cup? Then you must lift it high
though this cup of joy holds pain and sacrifice.
When you lift your cup, raise it unafraid.
Lift it up, this cup of life, and celebrate.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Angie France, reader)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Can you drink the cup until there is no more?
When the wine is gone, Christ Himself will pour.
Though you drink it all the cup is never dry,
God keeps filling it with everlasting life.

Silent Confession

Chad Hartsock

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 455

Here at Your Table, Lord

BREAD OF LIFE

Here at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near, in loving power,
calling our thoughts away from self and sin,
as to Your banquet hall we enter in.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with Your pierced hand each common day,
making this earthly life full of Your grace,
till, in the home of heaven, we find our place.

Invitation to the Table

Major Treadway

Communion Liturgy

Major Treadway and People

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Meek and majestic God, you set aside perfection of your Trinitarian life to create the universe, and you called the children of Abraham to be your priestly kingdom. You gave your people freedom in the parting of the sea and marked them for life with the blood of the Lamb. In Jesus you laid aside the robe of your majesty and knelt among your children, facing humiliation and rejection. In his agony in the garden and suffering on the cross you showed the world the extent of your love and your longing to bring us home to the throne where we shall join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising your holy name in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest