

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN
THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

MAUNDY THURSDAY TABLE WORSHIP

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"Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus says, knowing how taste and memory intertwine, how the body holds what the mind might forget. Every time we break bread together, every time we lift the cup, our bodies remember what our hearts sometimes struggle to grasp—that love and suffering, communion and sacrifice, are bound together in this meal.

~ Jasminn Pitman

~ **AN UPPER ROOM** ~

“Lord, are you really going to wash my feet?”

OPENING PRAYER (*John 6*)

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

For all of us share in God’s grace.

GOSPEL

JESUS WASHES FEET

John 13:1-15

INVITATION TO WASHING

JOE STERN

*You are invited to begin with a ritual washing of the hands,
and then to prepare a plate and enjoy some time of food and fellowship.
Please wait to partake of the bread and juice on the table until invited.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup,
saying, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

**We gather to remember the bread of life,
broken at the table of love.**

Jesus knelt to wash his disciples’ feet,
showing us what love looks like in action.

**We gather to remember the Prince of Peace
who chose humility over domination.**

Jesus shared his life and love with the world,
inviting us to be nourished and transformed.

The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!

HYMN #206

THIS IS THE NIGHT

Verse 1

GOSPEL

JESUS FORETELLS HIS BETRAYAL

John 13:21-30

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we confess we have allowed the distractions of life to cloud our memories of your love. We have failed to reflect your kindness in our actions and have neglected your command to serve one another. Forgive us, Lord. Stir our hearts and bring to mind the joy and purpose we find in Jesus' life and resurrection. Remind us that we are yours, and empower us to live as your people. Amen.

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Verse 2

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GOSPEL

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU

John 13-15

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SHALOM, MY FRIENDS!

Kids will join Rev. Wigger in the gathering room for a short activity.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SACRED RECIPES

You are invited to share with one another at your table a "sacred recipe"

~ THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

"Do this in remembrance of me."

SACRED IMAGINATION A MEAL OF MEMORIES

Matthew 26:17-30

A volunteer at your table will read the story.

As you listen to the text, try to imagine that you are at the scene.

What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you taste?

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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Verse 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *GETHSEMANE* ~

“He threw himself on the ground and prayed.”

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Verse 4

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Please have someone “extinguish” the candle at your table.

GOSPEL

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36-39

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

When invited, you may offer aloud a prayer or blessing for someone.

Lord at your table, **hear our prayer.**

BLESSING AND CHARGE

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Verse 5

The service continues on Good Friday...