



Maundy Thursday
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Thursday, March 28, 2024
7:00pm

Maundy (Mandate) Thursday
Celebration of Worship

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Maundy Thursday comes from the word "maundatum," meaning commandment. On his last night with his disciples, around a table, Jesus commanded them to love one another as he loved them. This is what we remember as we come to the table tonight.

Greeting

Prelude

My Heart is Filled with Longing

J.S.Bach

*Call to Worship

We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**a story of bitterness and betrayal,
of despair, denial and death.**

We gather tonight to tell an even older story
prepared before the worlds began:

**a story of love powerful enough
to rewrite our endings
with the promise of new life.**

In the telling of the story,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the coming of the night,
we draw near to Christ once more.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

Litany of Repentance

God, your faithfulness to us is so great, that we cannot help but fall short.

Yet still we confess our sins, out of the hope you yourself gave us:

**that you still set us a place for us at the banquet of grace
you feed us with forgiveness and mercy,**

no matter what we have done, no matter what we may yet do.

And so tonight, we confess, and we put our trust in you.

For every time you asked us to stay with you, and we wandered away,

forgive us.

For every time we fell asleep on the job of being your disciples, forgive us.
For every time we boasted of our loyalty, yet crept away, betrayed, or denied you, forgive us.

For every time we hear this story, and think “we would do better,” forgive us.

For every time we meet your faithfulness, with faithlessness, forgive us.
God, your love for us is unfathomably deep,
that you would take all our failures,
and still love us as friends.

**May we take the gift of your forgiveness,
and share it with the world, that you made and loved so much. Amen.**

The Word Sung and Spoken

Hymn (GTG) No. 501 Feed Us, Lord verse 1 FEED US

John 13:1-5 (page 981, red Bible)

Hymn (GTG) No. 501 Feed Us, Lord verse 2 FEED US

John 13:6-11 (pages 981-982, red Bible)

Hymn (GTG) No. 501 Feed Us, Lord verse 3 FEED US

John 13:12-17 (page 982, red Bible)

Hymn (GTG) No. 501 Feed Us, Lord verse 4 FEED US

John 13:31-35 (page 982, red Bible)

Meditation

Anthem

Abba
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Craig Courtney

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

***Communion of the People**

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Departure in Silence

You may now remain in prayer or depart in silence.

The light is failing. We are failing too. Yet the ancient promise holds true.

God does miracles at night, and in just a few days, the dawn will break.

The light of the world will rise. And we will see new life. Hold fast. The story is not over.

The service continues tomorrow night (Good Friday) at 7 p.m.

Liturgy by: Carol Holbrook Prickett, the Presbyterian Outlook.

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Tonight's Service:

Jayne Johnson

