



# Maundy Thursday

"Do this in remembrance of me"

***Maundy Thursday***  
**Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**  
**Bedford, Texas**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

# *Maundy Thursday Celebration of Worship*

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Welcome

## Centering Words

*Collective memory requires that we piece together the fragments of individual memory and behold something not necessarily larger but with greater depth and color. I think the whole Bible is predicated upon collective remembrance. You have feast and fast days, storytelling, and most conspicuously, the Eucharist. A shared table and a shared loaf. Take, eat, drink. The Christian story hinges on a ceremony of communal remembrance. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Prelude      O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Mary Ann Fritz

## \*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) 227 Jesus Remember Me (sung three times)

## Embodied Prayer

**At the door of trauma, God you remind us that it is glory to be in our own flesh.  
We thank you that when you asked us to remember you, you asked us to eat, to**

**drink – that we would meet something of you in the act of nourishment. Guide us back to an embodied existence, and help us to be patient and gentle with those times when we feel we must leave our bodies to survive. God, we ache. The traumas and tragedies of this world land heavily on our physical selves. Would you grant us a liberation that is not simply a project of the mind or the spirit, but that has implications for our daily physical conditions? That as we attune our bodies, our shoulders could relax, our jaws slacken, our breath become deep. As we move toward justice and solidarity, may we befriend the gloried physical in all tenderness and compassion. May it be so. Amen.**

The Word Sung and Spoken Luke 22:14-27

*Hymn (GTG) 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You, verse 1*

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

*Hymn (GTG) 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You, verse 2*

<sup>19</sup>Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

*Hymn (GTG) 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You, verse 3*

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

*Hymn (GTG) 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You, verse 4*

Meditation

Memory

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

Anthem

This Do In Remembrance of Me  
*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Judy Hunnicutt

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.)*

## Prayer

### The Stripping of the Sanctuary

#### Departure in Silence

*You may 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) with our Tenebrae Service of Shadows at 7 p.m.

*Liturgy by: Cole Arthur Riley, 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

Elaine Hsieh, Liturgist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

