

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a piece of golden-brown, soft bread. The bread is partially broken, showing its fluffy interior. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white surface.

*The Son of man came  
not to be ministered unto,  
but to minister, and to give  
his life a ransom for many.*

*Matthew 20:28*

OUR LORD'S  
*sacrifice,*

*reflected in the breaking  
of the bread  
and sharing of the cup,  
draws us into a oneness  
with Him as we experience  
anew the tragedy and  
the triumph of Calvary.*

# Maundy Thursday

## April 9, 2009

Prelude

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### Order of Worship

**Opening Sentence** John 13:34 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #422 “Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know”

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Forbes Husted

**Responsive Reading** from Psalm 116:12-19

Pastor: What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?

**People: I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: I shall pay my vows to the Lord, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones.**

Pastor: O Lord, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds.

**All: To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Gospel Reading** John 13:1-17, 31b-35 David Peterson

**Hymn** #249 “Tis Midnight; and on Olive’s Brow”

**Sermon Text Reading** John 13:16, 20, 34-35 Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “A New Commandment”

### Holy Communion

**Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread** 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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†=Congregation stands.

**Communion Hymn** #261 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

**Prayer after Communion** (*in unison*)

**O Lord, in this wondrous sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

†**Closing Hymn** #247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

†**Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

**People: Amen.**

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## About Maundy Thursday

In the Christian liturgical calendar, Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday is the day falling on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday.

Historically, four events were commemorated on this day: (1) the washing of the Disciples’ feet by Jesus Christ, (2) the institution of the Lord’s Supper, (3) the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, (4) the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.

The celebration of these events marks the beginning of what is called the Easter Triduum or Sacred Triduum. The Latin word *triduum* means a three-day period, and the *triduum* in question is that of the three days from the death to the resurrection of Jesus. It should be noted that for Jesus and His followers a day ended, and a new day began, at sunset, not at midnight, as it still does today in the modern Jewish calendar. The Last Supper was held at what present-day Western civilization considers to be the evening of Holy Thursday but what was then considered to be the first hours of Friday. Its annual commemoration thus begins the three-day period or *triduum* of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, days of special devotion that celebrate as a single action the death and resurrection of Christ, the central events of our Christian faith.

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