



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Introduction

Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Prelude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

arr. David Lasky

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Greeting

P: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (*John 13:34*)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn

They Will Know We Are
Christians By Our *Love*



Gathering Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

All Verses

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1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
 4 All . . . praise to the Fath - er, from . . . whom all things come, and all

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
 praise to Christ Je - sus, his . . . on - ly . . . Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re - stored,
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in the Land
 guard hu - man dig - ni - ty, and we'll save hu - man pride,
 praise to the Spir - it, who . . . makes . . . us . . . one,

Refrain. --repeat on final verse
 And they'll know we are Christians by our Love, by our Love, Yes, they'll

know we are Christ-ians by our Love. Love.

Prayer of the Day

P: This is the night of love.

(pause)

P: On the night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another.

All: This is the night of love.

(pause)

P: On this night, followers of Jesus have invited those preparing for baptism to begin with them a solemn vigil of prayer and fasting until the day of Christ's resurrection is fulfilled.

All: This is the night of love.

(pause)

P: On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same.

All: This is the night of love.

(pause)

P: On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning.

All: This is the night of love.

(pause)

P: This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome the penitent; all here have wandered and invite all preparing; all here are still learning to join us in hearing and obeying the commandment of our Master and to feast at his table, that we may love one another as he has loved us.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Assisting Minister

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If 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. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹This 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. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Read responsively by whole verse

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

AM: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

All: ²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

AM: ¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

All: ¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

AM: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

All: ¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

AM: ¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

All: ¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

AM: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

All: ¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the gospel reading.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 13th Chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of our Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

The Washing of the Feet

P: This is the night of love. Jesus washed his disciples' feet, reversing roles of master and student servant and host, and told them to do the same to show the world God's love and theirs.

On this night, we wash each other's feet, obeying Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us.

Come. Let Christ love you here and share that love with another.




(The following song will be sung during the washing of the feet)

All Verses


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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

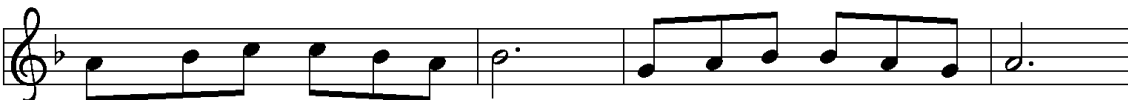
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show




us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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*Please rise, in body or spirit, for the sharing of the peace.***Sharing of the Peace****P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.**All:** And also with you.*Please be seated.*

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

AM: That we may proclaim the gospel boldly:

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: That healing may come for people who are sick, and people who are torn and weary:

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death itself vanquished:

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last.

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: That we may love one another, and all your creation, as you have loved us.

All: Hear us, Lord.

AM: Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, on this night, and every night until we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

All: All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

MEAL



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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Offering Prayer

P: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

The Breaking of Bread

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Assisting Minister

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: This is the night of love. And this is the table of love. At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us.

All: He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God.

P: And so we pray:

All: lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves, all our joys, all our passions, we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!

P: Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before the big bang, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

All: What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke and you continuously sustained. Mercy! How full of mercy!

P: How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: All: You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

All: **Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!**

P: Worthy! Worthy! Worthy! You preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the possessed, love poured out for all.

All: The night you took a towel and basin, washed your disciples' feet, and taught them to do likewise.

P: Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

All: **We remember.**

P: Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

All: **We remember.**

P: We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

All: **Come upon us, Holy Spirit.**

P: Come upon these gifts.

All: **Come upon these gifts.**

P: Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

All: **Make us one body in Christ enlivened in love by his blood.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Pastor Mitch will tear bread from a loaf and will also have gluten free option available. The assisting minister will present the wine/juice.

Communion Anthem

"One Bread, One Body"

arr. John Carter

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22:1-19

Sung by Linda Strohkirch

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver - let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹Do not be far

from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Congregation leaves in silence

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Some text taken from Maundy Thursday in an Alternative/Emergent Mode, United Methodist Church

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Mitch Kinsinger and
Deacon Intern:	Jake Summerville
Music:	Barbara Rossow and Linda Strohkirch
Assisting Ministers:	Cheryl Hollman and Dennis Rasmusson
Communion Assistants:	Jim Persoon and Barb Schmidt
Feet Washing:	Pastor Mitch and David Almquist
Stripping of the Altar:	Florence Rasmusson and Cheryl Hollman

They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love

by Carol Arends

All Verses

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride

Refrain

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from who all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spriti, who makes us one.

Refrain

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All Verses

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you [love one another](#): just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" ([John 13:34](#)).

What Was the New Commandment Given on Maundy Thursday?

Well, for one thing, it raised the definition of love to a new and higher standard. Jesus sacrificially met His followers' deepest need---that of new spiritual life and the forgiveness of sins. He even loved His enemies, and He calls us to show love to those who don't appear to deserve it. Just as Jesus loved sinners "to the end" (or "to the max" [John 13:1](#)) when He had nothing to gain from them, so must we. The Bible says that there was nothing attractive about sinful mankind that drew Him to love us. God loved us while we were yet *sinners* ([Romans 5:8](#)). Salvation is not only a wonderful gift that protects us from the penalty that we deserve [Romans 6:23](#), the work of Christ also embues new life, grants spiritual strength, and motivates godly action in those who believe:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." ([Titus 2:11-14](#))

While Scripture doesn't forbid us to commemorate days like Maundy Thursday, the main question is are we observing Christ's new command to love---especially those who deserve it least?

"Beloved, let us love one another. For love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." ([1 John 4:7-8](#))

Many churches observe Maundy Thursday with a Communion service and a foot-washing ceremony. These traditions help Christians reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and his commandment for us to love and serve others.

What Does Communion Have to Do with Maundy Thursday?

Often, during communion, a pastor will read the following passage about what happened on the events of Maundy Thursday:

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#): *"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

Every time we participate in communion, we recognize what happened during the events of Maundy Thursday. That our Lord Jesus was betrayed, to be tried and crucified the next day on Good Friday.