

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

THE GATHERING

Foot washing takes place in the narthex. (room near the entrance door to the sanctuary)

The offering plate will be placed at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please enter in silence.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹ Now 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He

came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

GREETING

We worship this Maundy Thursday, in the name of the Father, and the **†** Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

REFLECTION

This is a night to remember

We remember God's faithfulness to God's people.

We remember God at work in the chaos and disruption. We remember the story of death passing over God's people.

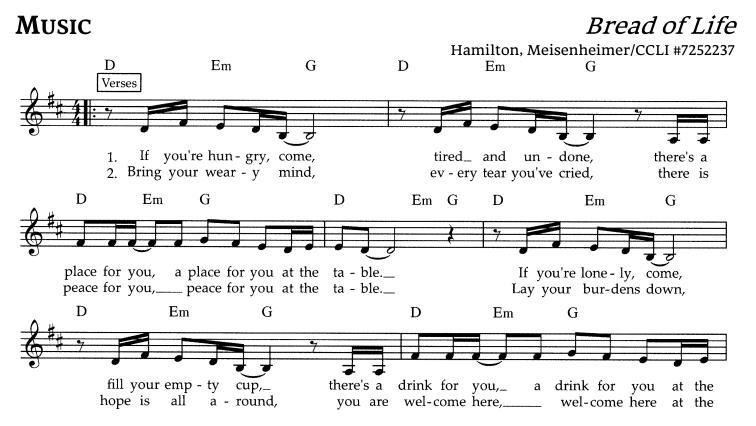
We give thanks for the new covenant; Jesus gave himself for us in bread and wine.

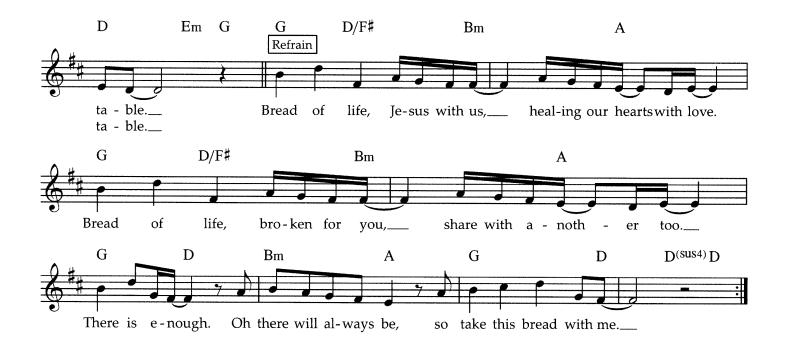
We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

Tonight, Jesus welcomes us to the Lord's table. We give thanks for God's faithfulness of God's people.

Tonight, Jesus is again present with us.

This is a night to remember and give thanks.





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we remember this night of betrayal and desertion, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.

silence for reflection

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

We have not loved our neighbors as you have demonstrated and taught us.

silence for reflection

Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

We have failed to live as your disciples.

We have ignored your saving grace in our lives.

silence for reflection

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

silence for reflection

Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

People of God, hear this good news: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin. By grace you have been saved. By the blood of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for this gift of love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

READING: Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

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. 11 This 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. 12 For 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. 13 The 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.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:1-5, 14-25

¹ Jesus said to his disciples, ² "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵ But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

THE MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

On that very night ...

²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they became greatly

distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

MUSIC

Come to the Table

Card, Borop/CCLI #134779

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Jesus, our host, and our meal

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles. In groups of twelve, we will gather around this table which has been prepared for you. As Pastor invites you hear the words, "the body of Christ, broken for you," you will reach into the basket and take a piece of bread. You will then be invited to hear the words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." You are invited to dip into the wine (or white grape juice). Pastor will give you a table blessing and then you may then return to your pews using the inside aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is completely stripped.

Music

One Bread, One Body

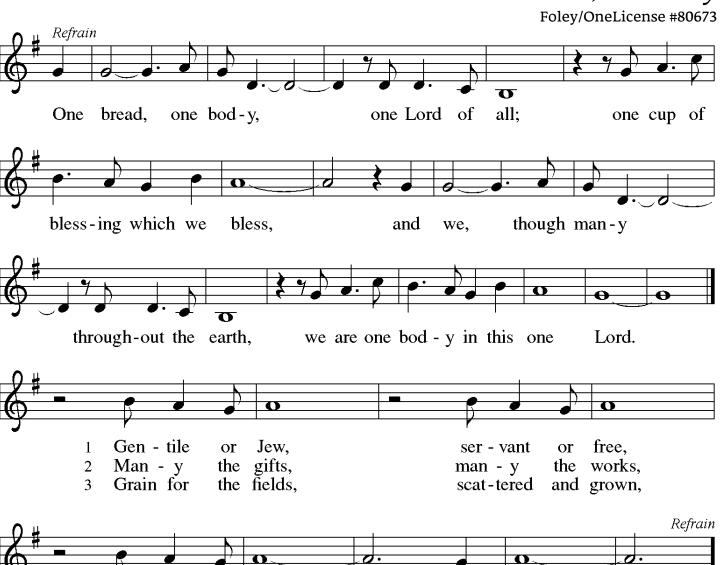
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We depart in silence Worship resumes tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:00 pm.



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am FH: Easter Breakfast by the Youth

9:00 am Worship / Flowering the Cross

Monday, April 21st

2:00 pm Graveside Funeral for Bobby Carver at Woodridge

Tuesday, April 22nd

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm LIFE Group at Jacksons

Wednesday, April 23rd

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Dave & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)

12:05 pm OneBody

Saturday, April 26th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)