

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup:

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now for all has been made ready.

*sharing of the meal
as the meal is shared we sing together*

Sung During Communion

VU 467 (vs 1)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Prayer after Communion (Unison):

**Holy God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted,
and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may go
away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with
your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We offer
this and all our prayers in the strong name of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

Blessing:

As we have shared this bread,
let us be strengthened for the road ahead.
As we have shared this cup,
may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Let us walk together with the light of Christ,
into the darkness of tomorrow.

Easter Schedule

Friday March 30th @ 11:00 AM - Good Friday:
Joint worship at Wilmot United
Sunday April 1st @ 7:00 AM - Sunrise Service
(river side of the pedway, end of Carleton St)
Following the service, there will be breakfast at
St. Paul's United Church
April 1st @ 10:30 AM - Easter Worship
Communion will be served in our seats

In an Upper Room

Downtown United

Maunder Thursday Service

Invitation to the Table

Gathering Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Center VU 374 (vs 1)

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Scripture:

Luke 22:1-5

Mark 14:12-16

Acknowledgement of the Twelve

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We thank you, God, Creator of us all; from the beginning you made the world and all its creatures. You made people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden; you showed Noah a rainbow; you gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing; you gave courage to Peter and loyalty to Mary Magdalene; you give us a voice to sing your praise, and light in our times of darkness.

We praise you, O God.

Yet, even the world turned away from you and forgot about you, as we often do too. But you did not forget. You sent Jesus to the world to show how much you love us and to bring us back to you again.

We praise you, O God.

He came as one of us, first an infant, then a child, later a youth, then an adult. He rejoiced with those who rejoiced, and wept with those who wept. To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope. To the sick, he gave healing. To the hurting, he was a friend.

We Praise you, O God.

Still, people turned away from you. They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross. But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life, that he might be with us and we with him, alive for evermore! Therefore with all the saints of every time and place, we join the angels in their praise:

Sanctus Benedictus

MV 203

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

Scripture: John 13:1-9

Washing of Hands or Feet

Those present are invited to share in the washing of their hands or feet as we prepare to eat.

Grace: God Bless to Us Our Bread MV 193

**God bless to us our bread,
and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.**

At this time all are invited to share in the food that sustains our body as we prepare for the meal that sustains our souls.

Centering Hymn: We are Pilgrims VU 595

Scripture: John 13:18-30

Remembering the Meal:

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,
with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.

**On the night before he died, a night much like tonight, he had
supper with his companions.**

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks to you, O God, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people. And with that commitment to you, may our lives proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation

MV 204

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

Blessing the Elements

The Great Amen

MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Instruction

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup