

In an Upper Room

Downtown United - Maundy Thursday Service

Prelude

Invitation to the Table

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Christ is Waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting, Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour, All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging, Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer, Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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

Hymn:

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
**An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there.
to celebrate their risen friend.**

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there as Lord and Host.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We thank you, ... for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

You created Adam and Eve ... light in our times of darkness.

We praise you, O God.

Yet, even the world ... bring us back to you again.

We praise you, O God.

He came as one of us, ... he was a friend.

We Praise you, O God.

Still, people turned ... we join the angels in their praise:

Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy
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!

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Scripture: John 13:1-9

Prayer of Confession and Response: Before I take the body of
my lord

Prayer

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

Prayer

The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

Prayer

The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

Prayer

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction to Christ's peace
might be laid down.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

Reflection

*All are invited to share in the washing of their hands or feet as we
prepare to share the meal with Christ..*

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 ... the mystery of our faith:

Hymn:

Acclamation

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

Send your Holy Spirit ... all the people sang:

Hymn: Great Amen
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!

And now, as beloved children of a loving Parent, we pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

Words of Instruction

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

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*

**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

Hymn:

Go to Dark Gethsemane
**Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away:
learn from him to watch and pray.**

**See him at the judgment hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all;
love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain view;
there the Lord of glory see,
made a sacrifice for you,
dying on the accursed tree.
"It is finished," hear him cry:
trust in Christ and learn to die.**

Michelle - 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.

Postlude