

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Tonight is Maundy Thursday. It is THE night we commemorate our Lord's betrayal, arrest and last supper with His disciples. Although we do commemorate these events monthly in our observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, it is THIS night we remember. In my nearly 36 years of ordained ministry, and (I think) in my entire lifetime prior to my ordination, I've never been involved in a Maundy Thursday service that did not feature observance of the Lord's Supper, the Night it was instituted by our Lord.

I've gone back and forth on this since the Coronavirus restrictions have been in place, having read many articles pro and con on the issue (*one of which is linked for you below*), but have come to a decision which has been approved by our Session (*the governing body of elders in our local congregation*) for the Lord's Supper in this unprecedented situation. We will include the Sacrament during our live-streamed service tonight; I will serve our physically present "congregation" of four. The on line congregation is invited to join us in the privacy and protection of their homes ... by necessity, you will have to provide your own bread and wine/juice ... as we simultaneously share in a communal Family "meal" together.

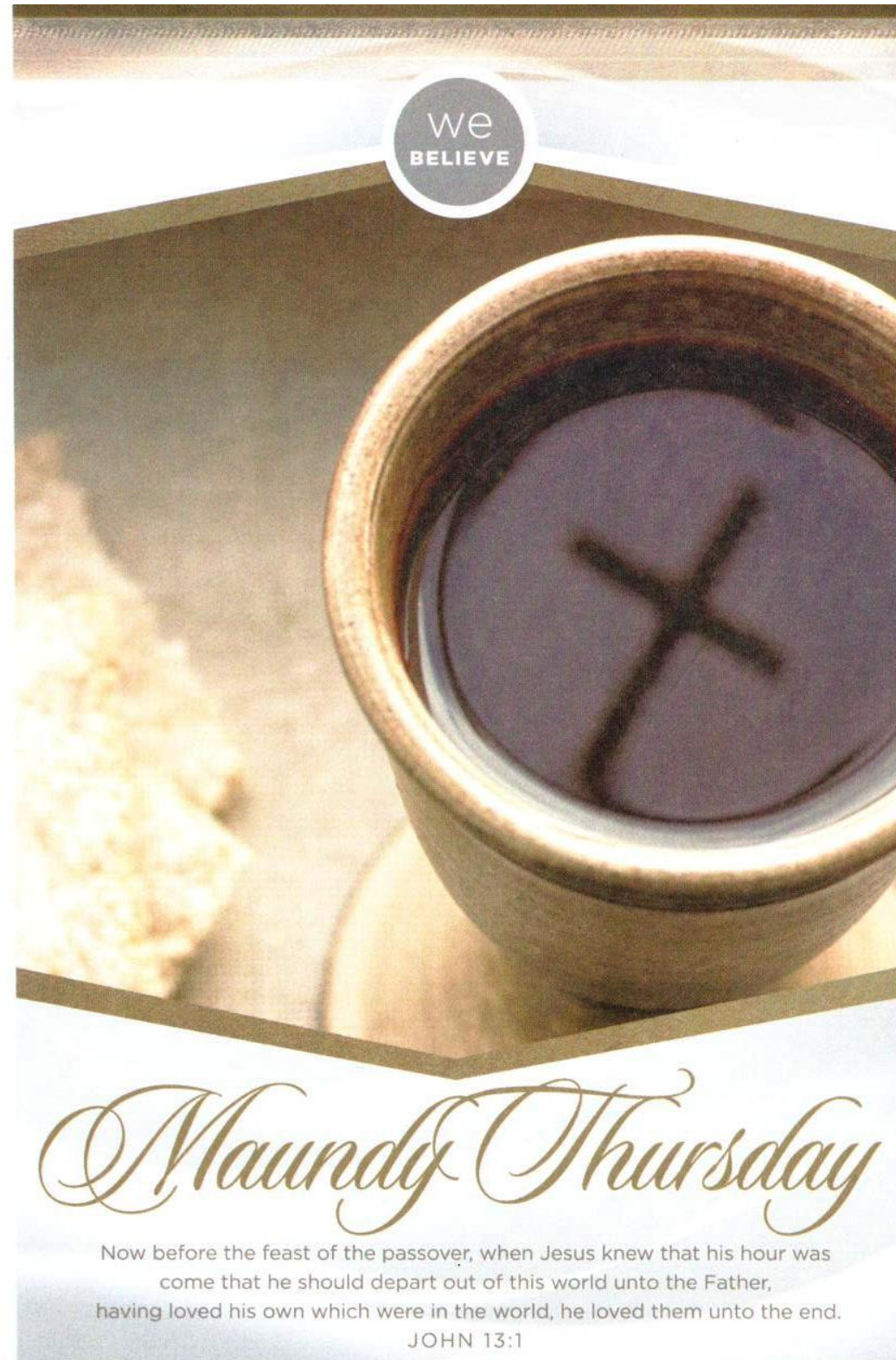
This is less than ideal ... but then again, worshipping online is less than ideal; it's a dim shadow of the real thing. As one of the articles I read expressed it: *"The discussion of whether to celebrate the Lord's Supper as the scattered church as a normative practice isn't the same as whether temporary changes can be made to accommodate abnormal circumstances. Our live-streamed gatherings are but shadows of our in-person worship gatherings. [But] it's also true that our normal patters of gathering together are shadows of what's to come in eternity. Technology offers ways for us to be present together, even while physically distanced."* The same author also wrote: *"The elements themselves gain no special power from my hands because I'm a pastor. In light of this temporary challenge, while we're unable to be together physically, we continue to believe in the priesthood of all believers and the importance of the encouragement Christians receive through the Lord's Supper."*

So, I will be administering the Sacrament tonight in this manner for this one time, unique and unprecedented circumstance. Thank you.

Blessings,

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/online-communion-can-still-be-sacramental.html>



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**805 Main Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 9, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE** *(from the Book of Common Worship, c. 1993)*

“On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room. On this day, Jesus said: ‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’ On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim His holy sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection, and at the last day may reign with Him in heaven. And on this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Isaiah 53:4-6)*

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS UPON HIM, AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

**\*HYMN** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison):*

HOLY GOD, SOURCE OF ALL LOVE, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS BETRAYAL JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES A NEW COMMANDMENT, TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE LOVED THEM. WRITE THIS COMMANDMENT IN OUR HEARTS; GIVE US THE WILL TO SERVE AS HE SERVED, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE AND DIED FOR US, YET IS ALIVE AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. FORGIVE US FOR EVERY FAILURE TO LOVE AS WE OUGHT TO LOVE, FORGIVE AS WE OUGHT TO FORGIVE, SERVE AS WE OUGHT TO SERVE, TO BE WHAT YOU'VE CALLED US TO BE AND DO WHAT YOU'VE CALLED US TO DO. STRENGTHEN EVERY DESIRE WITHIN US TO AMEND OUR LIVES ACCORDING TO YOUR HOLY WILL. LEAD US ONCE AGAIN TO YOUR TABLE AND UNITE US TO CHRIST, WHO IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, THE VINE FROM WHICH WE GROW IN GRACE, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY: “OUR FATHER ...”

**GOSPEL READING** *John 11:45-53*

**\*HYMN** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*

**MEDITATION** *TRADING PLACES*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

YOU ARE HOLY, O GOD OF MAJESTY, AND BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHOM YOU SENT TO DELIVER US FROM THE BONDAGE OF DEATH AND THE SLAVERY TO SIN. IN HUMILITY HE DESCENDS FROM YOUR HEIGHTS, TO KNEEL IN OBEDIENCE TO LOVE'S COMMANDS. HE WHO IS BOUNDLESS TAKES ON THE BONDAGE OF OUR SIN. HE WHO IS FREE TAKES OUR PLACE IN DEATH'S PRISON. THE CUP OF SUFFERING HE DRANK HAS BECOME FOR US THE CUP OF SALVATION. IN HIS DEATH, HE HAS RANSOMED US FROM DEATH'S DOMINION; IN HIS RESURRECTION, HE OPENED THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE. ACCEPT THIS OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A LIVING AND HOLY OFFERING OF OURSELVES, THAT OUR LIVES MAY PROCLAIM THE ONE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, AMEN.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN** *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
by Whom the words of life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token that by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

**A SERVICE OF READINGS**

*The Shadow of the Betrayal  
The Shadow of the Desertion  
The Agony of the Soul  
The Unshared Vigil*

*Matthew 26:20-25  
Matthew 26:31-35  
Luke 22:39-42  
Mark 14:32-41*

**\*HYMN** *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

*Father, the Hour is Come  
That They May Be One  
The Arrest at the Gate  
The Shadow of the Cross*

*John 17:1-6  
John 17:15-22  
John 18:1-5  
Mark 15:16-20*

**\*HYMN** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*



# What Wondrous Love Is This

What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us . . . 1 John 3:1

WONDROUS LOVE 12 9 12 9  
Southern Harmony, 1835

American folk hymn

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
Lamb, who is the great "I Am," While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

# Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?

He is despised and rejected of men . . . Isa. 53:3

Johann Heermann, c. 1630  
Trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1899  
Based on Jean de Fecamp, d. 1078

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11 11 11 5  
Johann Crüger, 1640

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast Thou of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on Thee?  
3. For me, kind Je - sus, was Thy in - car - na - tion,  
4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay Thee,

That man to judge Thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done Thee! 'Twas I, Lord  
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and Thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of  
I do a - dore Thee, and will ev - er pray Thee, Think on Thy

rid - ed, by Thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied Thee; I cru - ci - fied Thee.  
an - guish and Thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.  
pit - y and Thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing. A - men.



# Go to Dark Gethsemane

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane . . . Matt. 26:36

James Montgomery, 1825

REDHEAD 777777  
Richard Redhead, 1853

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, Ye that feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of life ar - rained.  
3. Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,  
4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His breath - less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see; Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus - tained!  
Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete:  
All is sol - i - tude and gloom, Who hath tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear the cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise. A - men.

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The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Elders W. Harold Hayman, Ida B. Hayman, and Peter K. McKnight,  
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# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 136

When they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head . . . Matt. 27:29

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century  
Trans. (German) by Paul Gerhardt, 1656  
Trans. (English) by James W. Alexander, 1830

PASSION CHORALE 7676 D.  
Hans Leo Hassler, 1601  
Arr. by J. S. Bach, 1729

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est friend,

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown:  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee. A - men.