

# Maundy Thursday

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*The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum – which Christ gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'.*



THE  
**ABBHEY**  
CHURCH



**EMMAUS**  
COMMUNITY

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch.

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts of how to follow Jesus into this world.

We invite and celebrate diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few)...

We believe that Christ's radical love binds us together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome... Welcome!

*The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on the traditional lands of the ɫək<sup>w</sup>əŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.*

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Christ's death begins with a meal.  
"Eat, drink. Do this in remembrance."  
That we would practice divine memory  
in our bodies.

Then God kneels to wash the bodies of  
those in his company.

This is more than symbolism; the path to  
liberation is to stay in our bodies.

@BlackLiturgies

## **Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

*Bell x 3*

### Opening Words

O Christ, kneeling as a servant,  
washing the disciples' feet,  
shocking in your humility,  
**help us to follow in your way.**

O Christ, taking bread and wine,  
crystal-clear in your awareness  
of the work you must complete,  
**nourish us on your saving presence.**

O Christ, entering Gethsemane,  
falling on your face to pray,  
uncontainable in your broken heart,  
**strengthen us to share your sufferings.**

Infinite, intimate God,  
kneel before us and wash our feet.  
**In awe and wonder, we lay ourselves bare  
to your redeeming acts of love.**

### **Maundy Thursday by Malcolm Guite**

*Here is the source of every sacrament,  
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  
Replenishing our every element  
Remaking us in his creative Word.  
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,  
The fire dances where the candles shine,  
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.  
And here He shows the full extent of love  
To us whose love is always incomplete,  
In vain we search the heavens high above,  
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.  
He meets us here and loves us into light.*

### **Opening Song: Abide With Me**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows  
flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1847) / Tune: EVENTIDE (Monk) / Public Domain

**A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (26:17-30)**  
*(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain person, and say, 'The Teacher says. My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did just as Jesus instructed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve, and while they ate, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became deeply grieved and each one began to say to him, "Not me, is it Rabbi?" He responded and said, "The one who dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. Indeed, the Son of Woman goes away as it is written of him, but woe to the person by whom the Son of Woman is betrayed! It would have been better for that person not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, responded, and said, "It wasn't me was it, Rabbi?" He replied, "You said it."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood

of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. I tell you all, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you all in the realm of my Abba.” And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Silence*

### **WATER BLESSING**

Loving God,  
as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago,  
we bring these basins of water before you.  
Bless this water for washing,  
and bless the feet and hands of your servants, too.

Love of God, poured out for the world: let this water be for us a source of life; as we share in this gift of kindness, wash away our fear, revive our faith, let your love shine through. **Amen.**

*You are welcome to come up to the chancel and have your hands or feet washed.*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

*Please join in singing as you are able.*

### **Ubi Caritas**

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

# There Can Be No Greater Love

There can be no great - er love than to  
*Il n'est pas de plus grand a - mour que de*

lay down our life for those we love.  
*don - ner sa vie pour ceux qu'on ai - me.*

*Last time*

# Within Our Darkest Night

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

## Nada Te Turbe

Na-da te tur-be na-da te\_es-pan-te; quien a Dios tie-ne na-da le fal-ta.

Na-da te tur-be, na-da te\_es-pan-te: só-lo Dios ba-sta.

The musical score for 'Nada Te Turbe' is written in common time (C) and features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are in Spanish and Latin. The first system includes the lyrics 'Na-da te tur-be na-da te\_es-pan-te; quien a Dios tie-ne na-da le fal-ta.' The second system includes 'Na-da te tur-be, na-da te\_es-pan-te: só-lo Dios ba-sta.'

## By Night

By night we has-ten, in dark-ness, to  
*De no - che i-re - mos, de no - che, que*

seek for the liv-ing wa-ter, on-ly our thirst lights us  
*pa - ra en-con-trar la fuen - te, só-lo la sed nos a -*

on - wards, on - ly our thirst lights us on - wards.  
*lum - bra, só-lo la sed nos a - lum - bra.*

The musical score for 'By Night' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The first system includes the lyrics 'By night we has-ten, in dark-ness, to' and the Spanish translation '*De no - che i-re - mos, de no - che, que*'. The second system includes 'seek for the liv-ing wa-ter, on-ly our thirst lights us' and the Spanish translation '*pa - ra en-con-trar la fuen - te, só-lo la sed nos a -*'. The third system includes 'on - wards, on - ly our thirst lights us on - wards.' and the Spanish translation '*lum - bra, só-lo la sed nos a - lum - bra.*'



Let us pray:

Holy God, on this night you gave us this sacred meal of bread and wine in which we celebrate the mystery of your self-giving for the sake of all Creation. Open our eyes to receive this gift of your divine compassion, placed into our trembling open hands. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. Receive all we offer you this day.

**Amen.**

### **The Table is set**

*You are welcome to go and grab a plate of food and return to the table.*

### **Call to the Feast**

Friends, this is the Table of the Lord.

From the night of his arrest through succeeding generations, Jesus' disciples have continued to come to the Table for this holy meal.

As he did that night in Jerusalem, gathered around a table, so ever since in all times and places, Jesus meets us here. Whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt; In bread broken, cup poured out and hands that gently cup our own, we remember the full extent of Christ's love for us and give thanks.

Oh God, bless the meal we are about to share that we may be nourished for the work of your Kingdom. We come to this table lifting our lives and prayers to you:

**Our Father** (Source/Mother/Parent) **in heaven**  
**Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.**

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven**

**Give us today our daily bread & forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us**

**Save us from the time of trial & deliver us from evil**  
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours**  
**Now and forever, Amen.**

Holy food for Holy People.

**Let us share the feast! Amen!**

## DINNER & SIMPLE EUCHARIST

### **Prayer after Dinner**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night before his death Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them. We thank you for feeding us in this supper. For caressing our hands and feet with your love. Give us the will to love and serve others as he was servant of all. For we live and move and have our being in You, Trinity of Love. **Amen.**

### **Stripping the table**

*The dining table and altar is cleared and washed, reminding us that Jesus' body was washed before burial, according to ancient custom. Other icons or symbols, dishes can be put away at this time.*

### **Final Reading Matthew 26: 36-45**

*(while the table is cleared)*

Then Jesus came with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "You all sit here while I go pray there." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; you all stay here, and stay awake with me." And going on a little, he fell on the ground and prayed saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not what I want but what you do."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, you all were not strong enough to stay awake with me one hour? Stay

awake and pray that you all may not come into the test; indeed, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, Jesus went away and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is not possible for this to pass lest I drink it, let your will be done.”

And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying those words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep now and take your rest. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

**Closing Song: Stay With me**

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and  
 Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und

pray, be-tet, watch and pray, be-tet.  
 wa - chet und be - tet.

Chords: F, C, Dm, A, A

Dynamics: p, f

**Bell**

*We depart in silence.  
 The vigil begins in the priory...  
 There is no dismissal.*

# Holy Week 2023

From the garden of creation to the garden of agony to the garden of resurrection...

**Gethsemane Vigil** - All night at Belmont Priory. Join us in-person, or via Zoom for prayer through the night.

**Good Friday** - Tomorrow at 3 pm- solemn worship in the Church. All ages are most welcome!

**Holy Saturday** - Sacred In the City Quiet Day 10am-2pm email us to register so we have enough food.

**Easter Sunday** - - Easter Dawn at Willows Beach - meet in the parking lot at 6 am and in the church at 4 pm. Bring your flowers plants, fabric signs of resurrection!

**Easter Monday** - Open potluck dinner at 1702 Belmont House at 5 pm. All welcome - let us know if you're coming.