

MAUNDY THURSDAY**APRIL 2, 2015**

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This evening we are remembering the last day of Jesus' life. Our scripture readings will begin with the events of Thursday evening and end with sunset on Friday. As part of remembering, the candles and lights will slowly be extinguished. This is an ancient Christian tradition called Tenebrae – from the Latin word for darkness. As we think of what happened long ago, we must remember that these events are also important for our lives. It was for our sins that Christ died.

Jesus Speaks About His Death	John 12:27-36
Prayer of Confession	(silent)
Words of Assurance	John 3:13-15

Thursday Evening – The Upper Room

The Foot-washing	John 13:1-11
Anthem	<i>“In the Upper Room”</i> Chancel Choir
The Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:26-29

Hymn: *“It Happened on that Fateful Night”* (Tallis' Canon)
*It happened on that fateful night,
 When power of earth and hell arose
 Against the Son, our God's delight,
 And friends betrayed him to his foes*

*Before the bitter scene began,
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.
 What love through all his actions ran!
 What wondrous words of love he spoke!*

The Last Hours of Jesus' Life

Prelude *“Herzliebster Jesu”* Hand Bell Quartet

Votum

Antiphonal Call to Worship:

Hymn #280 *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*
 (choir, first two lines; congregation, last two lines)

*“My body broken for your sin
 Receive and eat as living food.”
 He took the cup and blessed the wine,
 “Share this new testament, my blood.”*

*“Do this,” he said, “till time shall end,
 Remembering your dying friend;
 Meet at my table and record
 The full obedience of the Lord.”*

*O Lord, your feast we celebrate'
 We show your death, we sing your name
 Till you return, when we shall eat
 The marriage supper of the Lamb.*

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Communion Anthem *“In Remembrance of Me”*

