

Afterwards the church will be darkened and Matthew 26:30-46 and Psalm 22 will be read.

With our Maundy Thursday service, we enter the Easter Triduum (the "Three Days"). The blessing and dismissal are omitted tonight because the commemoration of our Lord's Passion doesn't end until we light the new fire on Easter morning to celebrate his victory over death.

When you leave the church, please leave in silence.

Greeters: #1 Mary McMillan #2 John & Anne Marie Patterson
Eucharistic Assistant: John Patterson

Services for the remainder of Holy Week

Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday

WAICC Walk with the Cross A virtual walk through the Stations of the Cross, with contributions from each of the Wolfville & Area Interchurch Council communities. Available anytime at <http://www.waicc.org/>

7:00 pm A service of meditations on the seven last words of Jesus (we recall the words of Christ from the cross and we pray for the world God loves, accompanied by congregational singing and pieces by our invited musicians)

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Day*

8 am - Holy Communion (traditional service with a hymn to celebrate our Lord's resurrection)

10 am - Holy Eucharist (contemporary service with lots of music to celebrate our Lord's resurrection) An Easter egg hunt will follow inside the church.

*"A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)*

**St. John's Anglican Church
Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia**

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 1, 2021

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Nicole Uzans
Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Michelle Boyd
Guest Musician: Shannon MacKay



**7:00PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE WASHING OF
HANDS AND THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES**

Please PRINT clearly any prayer concerns on the coloured paper provided - a name, place (first names only please). These will be collected during the offertory hymn and read aloud as part of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The word "Maundy" is a form of the word "mandate." With this commandment and the call to humble servanthood, symbolized by Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, we are given our mandate as followers of Jesus Christ - to love and serve one another as he loved and served us. As we journey with our Lord, remembering the final night of his life on earth and these symbolic acts which marked his ministry, may we re-dedicate ourselves to this mandate of loving servanthood.

The Gathering of the Community

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Opening Hymn: **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #585**

The Collect of the Day: O God, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine. May we who celebrate these signs of his love, serve and give ourselves to others in his name and to your glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14, *(the first Passover)* Jim Nelson

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Jim Nelson

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,
who has listened to me whenever I called.

How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.
Precious in your sight, O Lord is the death of your servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God.

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Rosemary Feener
(the institution of the Lord's Supper)

The Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
(Jesus washes the disciples' feet)

Homily

The Washing of Hands

Reflection and Invitation

*You are invited to come forward to share in the washing of hands, representing our embodiment of Christ's command to love & serve one another. During the washing of hands, our soloist will sing: **Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant #500***

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Music: **What Wondrous Love is This** (instrumental)

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Breaking of the Bread #7, p. 213

Please remain in your seats for Holy Communion. The bread will be brought to you (gluten free bread is available – please ask) and a Eucharistic assistant will elevate the cup of wine. Please stand to receive the bread or a blessing.

Music will be played during communion.

Prayer after Communion: Let us pray.

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 others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

*The altar is stripped, as Christ was stripped when he was arrested. The ornaments and cloths on the altar are removed and all other furnishings that remind us of our resurrection hope are taken from the church. While this is being done, we will sing **Go To Dark Gethsemane #190***