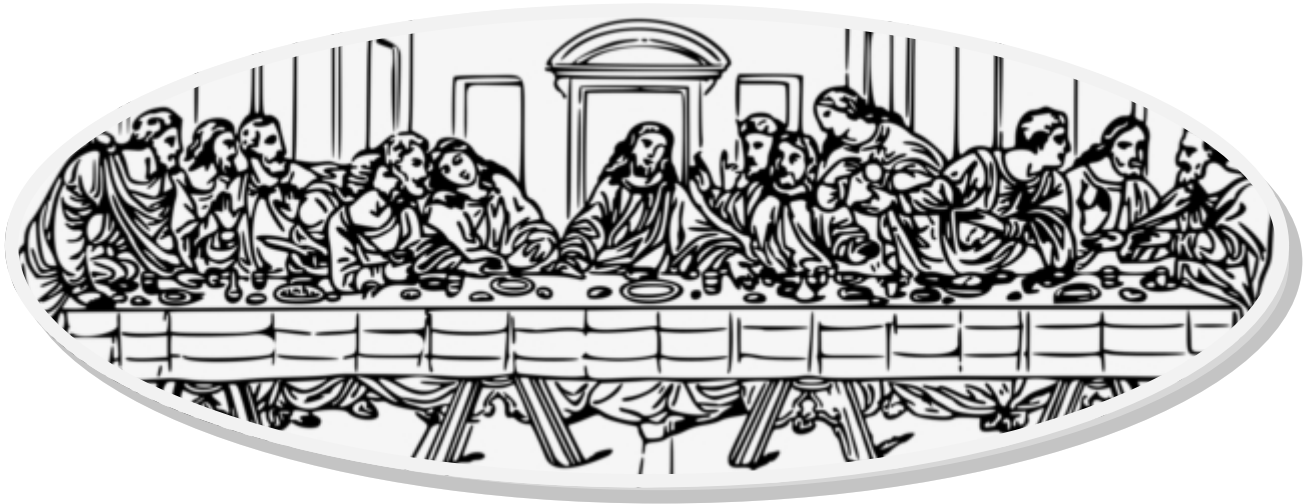


A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE LAST SUPPER



MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28, 2024
6:30 PM



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A Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper

(Written by Russell Durbin; presented with permission of the author)

Due to the nature of the service, please observe silence in the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Gayle Graening

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

Rev. Felicia Kumar

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Leader: Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ! We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are!

Leader: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden — indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are!

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

All: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

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RE-ENACTMENT OF LAST SUPPER BEGINS

NARRATOR INTRODUCES THE THREE WOMEN

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Gayle Graening

NARRATOR INTRODUCES THE DISCIPLES

NARRATOR INTRODUCES JESUS

JESUS AS SERVANT

JESUS WASHES PETER'S FEET

JESUS SPEAKS OF BETRAYAL

JUDAS LEAVES THE TABLE

JESUS GIVES A NEW COMMANDMENT

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Holy God, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world. We come from different places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend, and our Redeemer. Merciful God, we confess that often we have failed to be obedient to your will. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved others as ourselves. We have doubted you and our faith has wavered. We have not heard the cry of those who need us. Forgive us, we pray. Free our minds for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

JESUS AT THE TABLE WITH THE DISCIPLES

JESUS BREAKS BREAD/SHARES THE WINE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION LITURGY IN SONG

(Congregation, please sing lines in bold)

Soloists: Christin Ayre and Wynde Sloan

God be with you in the building of the body.

Lift your hearts up in the outpouring of love.

It is right to give our thanks and praise forever.

God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

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We sing holy, holy, mighty God of power.

We sing glory full upon heaven and earth,

High hosanna in the company of angels.

He is blessed, He who comes in God's own name.

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On the night when Jesus gave His life for many,

In the breaking of the bread, thanking our God,

Jesus gave bread to His people, "Eat, remember.

This is no longer just bread - this is my life.

This is no longer just bread - this is my life."

Then He took the common cup, poured out for many,

In the covenant of grace, thanking our God,

Jesus gave wine in forgiveness, "Drink, remember.

This is no longer just wine - this is my love.

This is no longer just wine - this is my love."

In rememb'ring all God's mighty acts in Jesus,

At the empty cross and tomb, we give ourselves

As a holy living sacrifice united

In the myst-er-y of our life-giving faith.

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Christ has died. We see Him broken. Please forgive us.

Christ is risen. He's alive. Hallelujah!

Christ will come again in time to bring us to Him.

So we sing unending praise to Christ, our God.

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Spirit bless us all who gather at your table.

Spirit bless these simple gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body, blood of Jesus.

So that we can be His life-love in the world.

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Make us one now with each other and with Jesus.

Make us one in ministry to all the world.

Make us one 'til Christ comes back to us in glory.

We will pray, eat and remember, "He is life."

We will pray, drink and remember, "He is love."

RE-ENACTMENT OF LAST SUPPER CONTINUES

BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

JESUS BREAKS BREAD/SHARES THE CUP WITH THE DISCIPLES

DISCIPLES LEAVE THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 26:36-46

Lily Savage

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Ten Thousand Angels

Gayle Graening

FINAL WORDS OF JESUS

Father, if it be your will, let this bitter cup pass from me.

Oh, Father, you know I seek not my will but yours. May your will be done.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

***POSTLUDE and DISMISSAL IN SILENCE**

Gayle Graening

Please depart in silence.

*Please stand as you are able

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A Special Thank You to Those Assisting with This Service

A sincere thank you to everyone who willingly and graciously participated in our Maundy Thursday Worship Service this evening.

The Last Supper Cast

Conner Ayre..... *James the Less*
David Ayre *Simon the Zealot*
Tim Cage *Philip*
Deb Catron..... *Martha*
John Catron *Thomas*
Don Cunningham *James*
Michael Erlewine *Peter*
Bob Green *Nathaniel*
Lawrence Hill *Andrew*
Charlotte Mason..... *Narrator*
Leah Beth Mason..... *Mary Magdalene*
Mark Miller *Jude*
Sarah Miller..... *Miriam*
Paul Rivera *Matthew*
Danny Tucker..... *Jesus*
Hans Voos..... *John*
Raymond Wesley..... *Judas Iscariot*

Pianist

Gayle Graening

Scripture Reader

Lily Savage

Communion Stewards

JoAnn and Russ Holt

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Hazel Abonita-Rivera

Stage Assistance

Connor Ayre	Sarah Mason
Declan Ayre	Lynn Miller
Nick Boyd	Tim Smith
Bob Green	Danny Tucker
John Mason	

Technical Support

Nick Boyd
Jack Broeckelmann
Moses Kumar

Please Join Us as Our Holy Week Observance Continues:

Good Friday Service
The Seven Last Words of Jesus
Tomorrow (March 29)
at 1 pm
Rehoboth's Chapel

Easter Sunday Services
Sunday (March 31)
6:30 am Sunrise Service (Pavilion)
9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service