What is Maundy Thursday?

Christians today observe Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

What does Maundy mean?

The Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."

What does it commemorate?

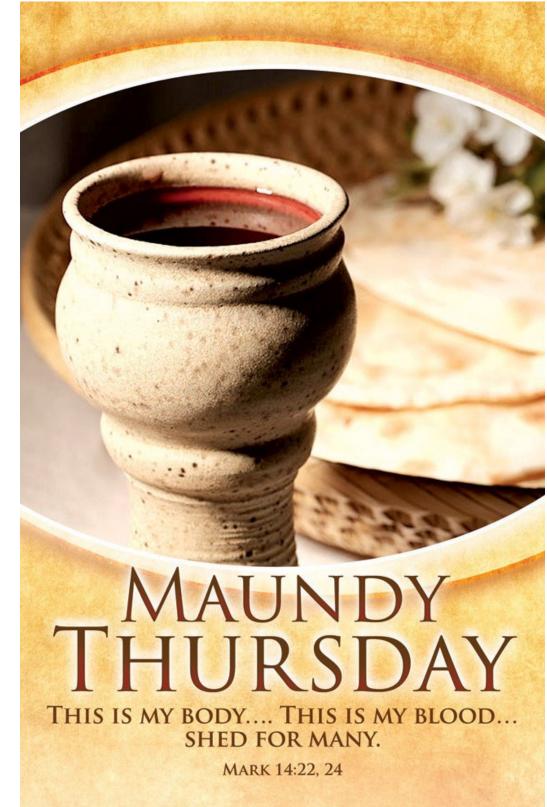
Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which Christians consider the institution of Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's supper or communion. It is described in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 22. At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus breaks bread saying, "This is my body," and pours wine, saying, "This is my blood." He then asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me."



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United Methodist Church ~ First Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday Service April 6, 2023 ~ 7pm

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

"WHO LOVES JESUS?! WE LOVE JESUS!"

*HYMN	"Holy Ground"	#2272 TFWS
	-	SING TWICE

***OPENING PRAYER**

*Call to Worship, responsively,

L:	May	the	Lord	be	with	you,
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- C: And also with you.
- L: Let us come together in the Spirit of thanksgiving and humble gratitude.
- C: We remember this special night from long ago, when Jesus gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room.
- L: Let us give God praise for that supper of forgiveness and dedication.
- C: We recognize that Jesus' supper was a feast of community we now share with him, and so we say: Come, Lord Jesus, feed us your meal of salvation and hope. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER, in unison,

We know Easter is coming, but we pray, loving God, that you would hold us on the path of small steps. Take us slowly through this week so we may truly feel, clearly see and tenderly know the depths of your love, which you shared with us in the life of Jesus. Let us take a small step to see our own denials, especially the denial of our own self worth. Let us take a small step to face our own fears and angers, fear that we will be left alone, anger that erupts like Peter's sword. Let us take a small step on the path to encounter our betrayals, especially of those we love and care for most. Loving God, walk us through pain and searching, be with us through doubt and despair, and lead us to the joy of Easter. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN	"What W	Vonderous Love is This?"	#292 UMH			
"THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER"						
HOLY CON	MMUNIO	N				
COMMUNION PRAYER						
*CLOSING	HYMN	"I Come with Joy"	#617 UMH			
*BENEDIO	CTION		VERSES 1-2			
*CLOSING	HYMN	"I Come with Joy"	#617 UMH			
*POSTLUI	VERSES 3-5					

USILUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able

Thank you so much for joining us this evening! Be blessed!

HYMN

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

#641 UMH SING TWICE