

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

On the Night He Was Arrested

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

1 On the night he was ar - rest - ed, Je - sus
2 When they'd fin - ished eat - ing sup - per, Je - sus
3 God, we thank you for your bless - ings— for your

took a loaf of bread. He gave thanks to God in
gave them some-thing new. As he took the cup he
gifts of bread and wine. By your Spir - it, Christ is

heav - en, then he shared it and he said, "Here's my
told them, "Drink this wine; it is for you. It's the
pres - ent in the fruit of grain and vine. With these

bod - y; it is bro - ken. Now I
pro - mise of sal - va - tion. In my
gifts of earth we're giv - en, we pro -

give it; taste and see! When you share at God's good
blood, God sets you free. When you share at God's good
claim Christ's sac - ri - fice. We re - ceive a taste of

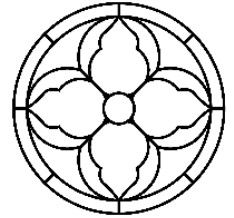
ta - ble, eat the bread! Re - mem - ber me!"
ta - ble, drink the wine! Re - mem - ber me!"
heav - en, as we share his death and life.

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Tune: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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*"We are a Christian Community of people
who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad,
sharing our faith and our resources."*



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

Prelude *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* L. Mason

Opening Words

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: We gather this evening in celebration

Many: Of the story that sets us free

One: We gather this evening in wonder

**Many: of the many ways Christ is present in our lives,
even through bread and drink**

One: We gather this evening in confusion

**Many: questioning how Jesus could sit at a table
with those he knew would betray Him**

One: We gather this evening seeking nourishment,

Many: Seeking a place at Christ's table.

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer (Please use the wording that is most meaningful for you.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn (on back) *"On the Night He Was Arrested"*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Giver of Life, throughout time you have called us to yourself.

In ways too numerous to mention, we have failed to respond.

Forgive us, we pray. Our limited vision of community gets in the way of your call to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to enter into fellowship with those different from ourselves. Replace our arrogance, Merciful One, with the humility and caring service Jesus modeled.

Help us to seek justice and peace for all. Hold us as we offer you the silent confession of our hearts...

Assurance of God's Grace

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17 p.876

Anthem: *"Christ at Table There With Friends"*

Imagine yourself in this upper room with Jesus and his friends.

With whom do you identify? How do you feel?

Peter resists Jesus' service of foot-washing. Would you?

Are you surprised that Jesus included Judas in the footwashing? What would it take to offer a service of love to someone who hurt or betrayed you?

What manner of love does Jesus model and command of us?

Message: Taken from *"Bread and Wine"* by Shauna Niequist

Musical Offering: *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:26-30 p.808

Sharing the Meal

Hymn #225: *"It Was a Sad and Solemn Night"*

Closing Words

Reading The *Mandatum Novum* (New Commandment)

(The origin for the name Maundy Thursday)

John 13:31-35 p.877

Extinguishing of the Flame

There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Please depart in silence.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday, April 7	Good Friday Service 3pm <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Saturday, April 8	Celebration of Life for Lin Schuller 10am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, April 9	Sunrise Service 6:30am <i>(Hanson Farm, Bridgewater)</i>
Sunday, April 9	Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday Worship 10am <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

The church office will be open Tuesday – Friday from 9am-1pm. Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth. You can also contact Rev. Beth by email at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



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or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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