



# Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

Thursday, March 28th 6:00 P.M.



**Milton Lutheran Church  
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA**

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## Gathering Music & Set-up

### Video- "The Last Supper"

#### Gathering Prayer

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

#### Prayer of Light

We search the horizon of the past, Holy God.

*We remember the story of Passover and the sacrifice you made for the freedom of God's people.*

In the meal your Son provided this night, we are given a glimpse of the past—

*a promise of grace and love.*

In the meal your Son provided this night, we are given a glimpse of our future—

*A sense of hope in the darkness (Candle Lighting)*

And so, with our eyes set on your Son, Holy God,

**We pray that this meal may work in us.**

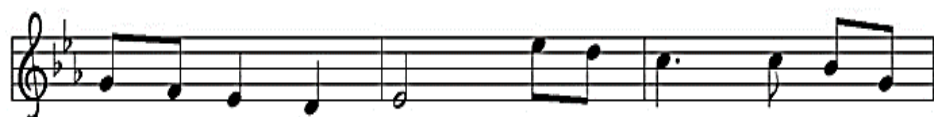
**Hymn of Light**      Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

## **Scripture Reading- Matthew 26:17-25**

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God,  
*we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy  
Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. *Amen.*

## **Meal**

### **Scripture Reading- Matthew 26:26**

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

*(Distribution of the Bread)*

### **Scripture Reading- Matthew 26:27-30**

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you; I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*(Distribution of the Wine)*

### **Communion Prayer**

In this meal we remember, O Christ.

*We remember your death.*

We remember your resurrection.

*We look for your return!*

You are the Lord forevermore.

Song- "Let Us Break Bread Together"(ELW 471)



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



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let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## Let us Eat!

### Prayers of Intercession

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table



and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Merciful God, *receive our prayer.*

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.  
*Amen.*

**Meal Clean-Up**

**Video- "The Garden"**

**Song- 'Go to Dark Gethsemane'**

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



- 1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
- 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
- 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
- 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## **Lord's Prayer**

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.  
*Amen.*

You may go in Peace.



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