

St. Thomas Reformed Church

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 pm



*Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.*

St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

All are Welcome

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Maundy Thursday

“Maundy” is a shortened form of the Latin “mandatum” which means “command”. It was on the Thursday of Christ’s final week before being crucified and resurrected that he said these words to his disciples: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”
John 13:34

Prelude Music

Invitation to Supper

Call to Worship “This is My Commandment”

This is my commandment that you love one another
That your joy may be full...
(honor, forgive, love)

Scripture Luke 22:1-13

Setting the table

Hymn ‘All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly’ HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly
Holy manna is our bread
Come from wilderness and wand’ring
Here, in truth, we will be fed
You that yearn for days of fullness
All around us is our food
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good

All who hunger, never stranger
Seeker, be a welcome guest
Come from restlessness and roaming
Here, in joy, we keep the feast
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good

All who hunger, sing together
Jesus Christ is living bread
Come from loneliness and longing
Here, in peace, we have been led
Blest are those who from this table
Live their lives in gratitude
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good

Preparing to eat

Scripture

John 13: 1 - 17

Foot Washing

Kim Bourne-Vanneck

Waiting to be served

Meditation

“Knowing”

Prayers before the meal

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer

The meal is brought to the table

Offering of Music

“Feed Us, Lord”

Scheer

Lori Abbotts~Andrea Lee

Feed us Lord, feed us Lord
In the broken bread be revealed again
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord

Quench us Lord, quench us Lord
On this thirsty ground may Your love flow down
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord

Fill us Lord, fill us Lord
With the bread and wine of the risen Christ
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord

Lead us Lord ,lead us Lord
Nourished here by Christ
Given strength for life
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord

Partaking of the supper

Scripture

Luke 22: 14 - 20

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty

and preserve us by your providence. When we disobeyed, you sent Jesus to deliver us from sin and death and free us to joyful obedience.

With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven

we proclaim your glory... and join their unending hymn:

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... .

United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, that we may attain the unity of the spirit... through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

We praise and honor you, holy God.

Heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.

**Blessed is He whose supper we share this night,
and blessed are we - renewed by his life.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Offering of Music

“How Beautiful”

Paris, arr. Harland

Lori Abbotts ~ William Howe ~ Andrea Lee

**How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ
How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e're such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leaving the table

Hymn “An Upper Room, with Evening Lamps Ashine”

EVENTIDE

(During the singing of this song, the sanctuary is stripped, symbolic of the long night of desolation and abandonment in Gethsemane.)

**An upper room with evening lamps ashine
The twelve disciples, and the table spread
Now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine
And in remembrance, bless and break the bread**

**Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above
Still to our hearts we find his presence given
Take for ourselves the pledges of his love
Foretaste and token of that feast in heaven**

**So send us out, to love and serve and praise
Filled with his Spirit, as the Master said
Love, joy and peace the wine of all our days
Christ and His life , our true and living bread**

Prayer

“Psalm 23”

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul:
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
Valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Benediction

This is my commandment that you love one another ...

Be at peace and love one another...



Thank you to all who lead in worship tonight:

Pastor: Jeffrey Neevel

Minister of Music and Arts: Chanelle Schaffer

Liturgical elements: Rev. Rebecca Broom, Kim Bourne-Vanneck

Music: Lori Abbotts, William Howe, Andrea Lee

Livestream Dream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King,
Lucy Sutton