

**Readings for Maundy Thursday**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**Woodbury United Methodist Church**

**A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:**

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord the teaching that I passed on to you: that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a piece of bread, <sup>24</sup>gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in memory of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me."

<sup>26</sup>This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:**

The time was near for the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the teachers of the Law were afraid of the people, and so they were trying to find a way of putting Jesus to death secretly.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples. <sup>4</sup>So Judas went off and spoke with the chief priests and the officers of the Temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. <sup>5</sup>They were pleased and offered to pay him money. <sup>6</sup>Judas agreed to it and started looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them without the people knowing about it.

<sup>7</sup>The day came during the Festival of Unleavened Bread when the lambs for the Passover meal were to be killed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John with these instructions: "Go and get the Passover meal ready for us to eat."

<sup>9</sup>"Where do you want us to get it ready?" they asked him.

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<sup>10</sup>He answered, "As you go into the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house: 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large furnished room upstairs, where you will get everything ready."

<sup>13</sup>They went off and found everything just as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have wanted so much to eat this Passover meal with you before I suffer! <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will never eat it until it is given its full meaning in the Kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup>Then Jesus took a cup, gave thanks to God, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>I tell you that from now on I will not drink this wine until the Kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, he gave them the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>21</sup>"But, look! The one who betrays me is here at the table with me! <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will die as God has decided, but how terrible for that man who betrays him!"

<sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask among themselves which one of them it could be who was going to do this.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**