Evening Prayer for Maundy Thursday

With St. John the Divine and Squamish United Church

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY (Starting at Home)

Lay the table for the evening meal. Begin at 6.15 or 6.30pm, so that you will be done before 7.00pm.

Light a candle at the center of the table while saying.

One Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and walk with you in newness of life,
singing the praises of him who died
for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

Eat. Laugh. Maybe wash each other's feet. Share about your day. What is something beautiful that you have seen? What are you thankful for? Remember a time that you served another. Remember a time when you have been served.

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Have someone read the psalm out loud.

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call upon the name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

At 7.00pm, log into Zoom to finish the rest of the service in community. If not joining online, finish the service yourself at the table.

Try to join silently, music will be playing as you enter – join in singing if you would like.

Stay With Me (Taize)
Stay with me
Remain here with me
Watch and pray
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John 13: 1-17, 31B-35
Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One

who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Rev. Karen Millard*

One Hear, O Israel,
All **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One Let us offer our praises and prayers
to the one who intercedes for us, saying,
“Lamb of God, we praise you.”

One Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross

so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Innocent captive,
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Lord, you love all whom God has made
and gave up your own self for them:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Through your self-offering
you have brought the crown of life to all people:

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Keep your Church, here and around the world, and especially where it is oppressed and persecuted.

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One Deliver the oppressed, comfort the sick and lonely, be near to all who are near to death.

All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

One For whom or what else do we pray…

Petitions may be added, silently or aloud.

One Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives.

All **Amen.**

One Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

One Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

One May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.
All **Amen.**

Clean up from your meal quietly and prayerfully as we stay with Jesus before the sorrow of Good Friday. Whisper to your friends and family that you love them.