

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Words by Jan Richardson

We remember at the table this night, how grace was said,
 how grace was enacted, how grace came to rest
in the bread given for you,
 and the cup poured out for you
Grace in the bread.
 Grace in the cup.
Grace at the table.
 Grace in us.

LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SONG Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas, et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est
(Where there is charity, selfless love,
Where there is charity, God is truly there.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG Bread for the Journey #202

BENEDICTION

St. John's United Church
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A new commandment: love one another



MAUNDY
Thursday

March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

May the light of Jesus Christ, **become the light in our hearts.**
May the light in our hearts, **become the peace in our world.**

SONG Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CALL TO COMMUNITY by Jan Richardson

Holy Thursday, and it is time to come to the table.

Everything will be gathered together here in this place

Where the hunger of our body

and the hunger of our soul are welcomed.

At the table this night, on the edge of the ending,

there will be a beginning.

At the table this night,

there will be memory.

At the table this night,

there will be a body given, received.

At the table this night,

there will be such grace.

In hearing the scriptures read: grace

In singing hymns and trusting silence: grace

In the breaking of bread: grace.

In each word and every gesture: grace.

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy Mystery, Wholly Love, on this holy night of prayer, we would like to 'spend one hour with you,' so you can teach us how we are to let go and how we are to live. Let us see your loving-kindness in bread and cup, song and silence, and in one another's eyes. May it be so. Amen.

MEDITATION IN MUSIC, WORD AND SILENCE

Song Take, O Take Me As I Am #85

Gospel Reading John 13:1-5

Silent reflection

Song Come and Fill Our Hearts #16

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14-19

Silent reflection

Song There is Room For All #62

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

Silent reflection

Song Don't Be Afraid #90

Gospel Reading Matthew 26:36-42

Silent reflection

Song Standing Stone by Melanie deMore

I will be your standing stone,
I will stand by you

Poetry Reading Gethsemane by Mary Oliver

Silent reflection

