

~ MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 1, 2021 ~

Guest Minister: *Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld* | Musician: *Dianne Nichols*

The opening prayer and an adaptation of the communion prayer are from Celebrate God's Presence, the Service Book of the United Church of Canada p. 172.

Verse 3 of VU 130 was adapted for this service.

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

**Holy God, we come to worship,
in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death.**

**We come with his friends,
the men and women who have followed him,
in every place and generation,
to live once again this story of service and betrayal,
of weakness and courage.**

We come to witness your love in action.

Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: * VU 130 – An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (v.1)

**An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.**

The Passing of the Peace

We Hear Good News and Live in the Story

SERVANTHOOD

Scripture Reading: **John 13:3-5**

Handwashing prayer

O God, with this water, we cleanse our hands.

With your guidance, we cleanse our souls.

**Prepare us for this time, to be servants in your name,
to walk with Jesus and to reach out to your beloved people in need. Amen.**

Hymn: * VU 130 – An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (v.3)

**We wash our hands and cleanse our souls. Our service too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be complete; sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

Lighting the Candles

SHARING THE MEAL

Scripture Reading: **Mark 14:17-25**

Prayer

**Creator God, You give us bread and the fruit of the vine,
Gifts of the earth and human labour.**

May they become for us the banquet of eternal life.

This is the body of Christ, the bread for our journey.

This is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Hymn: * VU 130 – An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (v.2)

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.

Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

IN THE GARDEN

Scripture Reading: **Mark 14:26-31 *Mount of Olives***

Scripture Reading: **Mark 14:32-42 *Prayers in Gethsemane, Disciples Sleep***

- When have you made a promise you could not keep?

- When have you felt that you were abandoned by your friends?

Hymn: * VU 148 Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (x2)

THE ARREST AND TRIAL

Scripture Reading: **Mark 14:43-50 *Judas Betrays Jesus, The Arrest***

Scripture Reading: **Mark 14:53-56 *The High Priest Questions Jesus***

Scripture Reading: **Mark 15:1-15 *Pontius Pilate, Jesus Condemned***

- When have you been judged unjustly?

- When have you jumped to conclusions about others?

Hymn: * VU 148 Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (x2)

THE FINAL MOMENTS

Scripture Reading: **Mark 15:33-34, 37-39 *Jesus Is Crucified and Dies***

- When have you felt abandoned by God?

- How do we support one another in this time of sorrow and loss?

Hymn: * VU 148 Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (x2)

The Christ candle is extinguished

Commissioning and Benediction

Silence

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