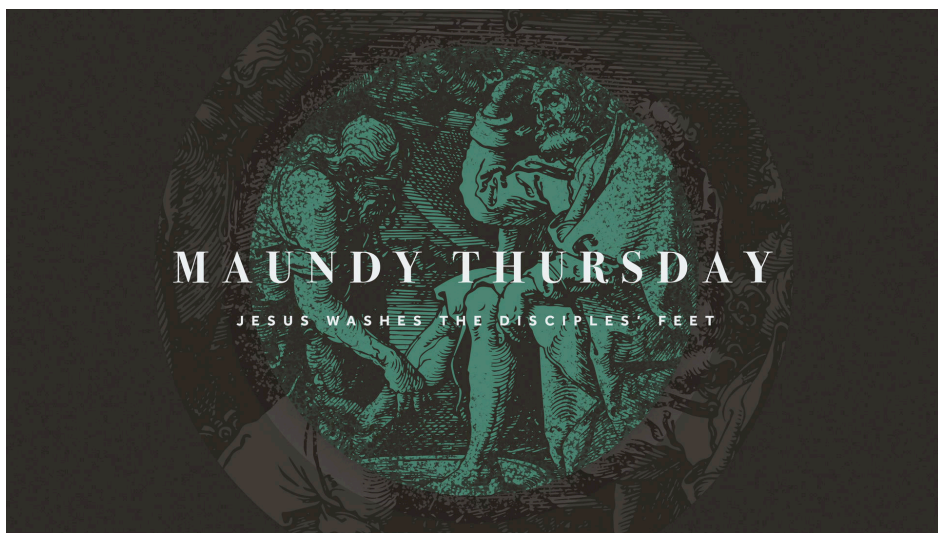




*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*



*April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday*

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### **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Maundy Thursday

Since the early church, Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter as a time of particular devotion. Two events mark Maundy Thursday recorded in the Gospels the night before his betrayal and arrest: Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment - to love one another as he has loved them. This was also the night that he instituted the Sacrament of Communion to his disciples.

# Song of Gathering and Preparation

*We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

## Passover Song

### Call to Worship: Mark 10:42-45

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45 (ESV)

### Explanation of Liturgy

*Liturgy refers to the structure of the worship service. Through the liturgy we tell the story of Jesus' Passion and also remind ourselves of what it means to be people who follow Jesus in the Way of love and sacrifice*

### BELIEVING the Gospel: the FAITH Command

*The Christian life starts with believing the Gospel. We take time on this Maundy Thursday to consider the Great Commandment: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.*

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer... And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves... And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table... A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them... "Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:14-15, 17, 19-21, 24-27 (ESV)

### Congregational Prayers

*We pause to pray around the table, CELEBRATING the gospel of God's great love for us in Jesus.*

### Song of Response

*We sing in response to the wonder of God's great love for us. He generously gave his only Son for us so that we might be made his sons and daughters.*

In Christ Alone

## **BECOMING the Gospel: the LOVE Command**

*Believing the Gospel always leads to becoming the gospel. We take time on this Maundy Thursday to consider the second great commandment: to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.*

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 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... Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

John 13:3-4; 1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

## **Congregational Prayers**

*We pause to pray around the table, ASKING the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and power to "become" the gospel to others.*

## **Song of Response**

*We again sing in response to the wonder of Jesus's humility and love. He is a King who came to serve, not to be served.*

## **The Love of God**

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives.*

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

John 13:2-8 (ESV)

## **The Sacrament of Communion**

*With this meal we re-enact Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The sacrament of communion is the power for both believing and becoming the gospel*

## **Closing Hymn: Jesus Thank You**

*After Jesus and his disciples celebrated Passover together, they sang a hymn and departed. So we sing in celebrate of God's salvation.*