



Haslett Community Church  
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Our Vision: *We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.*

**Holy Week - Maundy Thursday**  
**March 28, 2024 7:00pm**

*When you see an \*, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in bold, you are invited to speak aloud.*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Come and remember the love of Jesus,  
gathered at table with his friends.

**We come to receive from Christ the bread of life,  
the cup of blessing;**

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

**We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:  
"Love one another."**

Come and contemplate the many temptations  
of a world that would entice us, like Judas,  
to betray the trust of a suffering God.

**We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross,  
so that our Easter rejoicing will take on new meaning.  
Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ,  
that we might remember  
what discipleship may cost,  
and what it may reap.**

\* **Hymn Response #227**

"Christ at Table There with Friends"  
(verse 1 - please see insert on pg. 3)

Miller  
Diemer

**First Reading**

**Mark 14: 12-31**

**Prayer of Approach** (by Kate Bowler)

Jesus, we watch in awe, in horror.

You sit down with your friends for dinner to eat with those who give you up.

They will seek payment for your death.

They will deny knowing your gentle voice.

They will turn away when the hardest part comes.

*(continued...)*

**Knowing this, you bend to them.**

**Wash them. Serve them. Feed them.**

**Saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you."**

**Saying, "Take, drink, this is my blood shed for you."**

**To be given for them? For us?**

God, this is anew thing,  
this kind of self-giving that offers what we need before  
we know we need it,  
before we are able to understand or receive.  
And then it happens. You give in.  
Deceit and greed and lies win the day.  
You are silent as those you love hand you over  
To willful violence, eager to hide from you,  
The light, shining on them so inconveniently.

**We don't know it, Jesus,**

**But you will feed us, wash us, serve us, save us.**

**And we will do our best to set you aside.**

**But this is your great stubbornness:**

**How you give us what we most need, even as  
we refuse it.**

**You never step back from us, even in our refusal.**

**Help us learn to be better at being loved.**

**Amen.**

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**Second Reading**

**Mark 14: 32-42**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution** (by Richard Bott)

**Unison Communion Prayer** (adapted from a prayer by A. Siddall)

**This meal is for me,  
but it may change me  
from being anxiously concerned  
about my own redemption**

**into one who knows  
that Christ's body is the earth  
and all who walk upon it,  
are one in Him**

**into knowing that  
I am not redeemed  
by my being good  
but by my being connected**

**into knowing that  
daring to eat  
at the table of Jesus Christ  
has unimaginable consequences.**

**So we come,  
come to be made whole,  
and to participate in the work  
of making us one with Christ and each other.**

**Amen.**

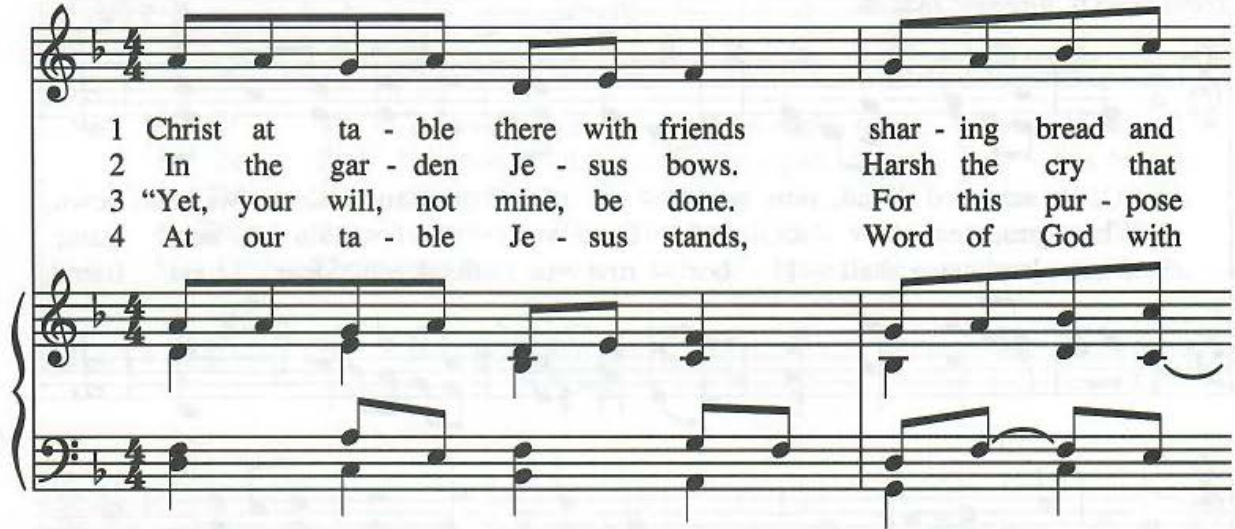
**Serving and Partaking of the Elements**

The bread of life and the cup of blessing, given for you.  
Thanks be to God.



Matt. 26:39; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42;  
John 6:47-51; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Anabel S. Miller, 1982; rev. 1994



1 Christ at ta - ble there with friends shar - ing bread and  
2 In the gar - den Je - sus bows. Harsh the cry that  
3 "Yet, your will, not mine, be done. For this pur - pose  
4 At our ta - ble Je - sus stands, Word of God with



wine, and then Speak - ing words of mys - ter - y:  
ris - es now: "Fa - ther, some way let it be!  
I am come. Thus to make all peo - ple new I  
nail - scarred hands. "Come, re - ceive the mys - ter - y.



"Thus re - mem - ber me, thus re - mem - ber me."  
Take this cup from me, take this cup from me!"  
take this cup from you, I take this cup from you."  
Take this cup from me, take this cup from me."

Anabel Miller, born in China of American missionary parents, wrote this poem during Lent in 1982. Ten years later, she shared it with composer Emma Lou Diemer, who served as organist at her Presbyterian church in California. Diemer recognized its potential as a hymn text, and supplied the musical setting.

Tune: MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.7.7.5.5.  
Emma Lou Diemer, 1992

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Creator and Kin, as near as breath and yet far beyond our understanding, holy is your name. Your new reality come, your justice be done, here and now. May we feed each other as you feed us. You hold us in grace when we don't 'get it,' may we hold others in grace, too. May we resist complacency and strive for peace, for all people, and all times. Amen.

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### Benediction (Adapted from a prayer by Jan Richardson)

We shared in the blessed bread,  
given to us  
with its terrible weight,  
its infinite grace.

We shared in the blessed cup  
poured out for us  
with a love  
that makes us anew.

We gathered around these gifts  
simply given  
and deeply blessed.

Now let us go  
bearing the bread, carrying the cup, laying  
the table within a hungry world.



## Holy Week 2024

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March 24 10 a.m. Palm Sunday with Palms to Wave



March 28 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Communion



March 29 7 p.m. Good Friday with Choir



March 31 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

10 a.m. Easter Sunday with Choir

all services in person · all but easter sunrise & maundy thurs also live-streamed  
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### Tonight's Worship Team:

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Barbara Freeman	Piano & Organ		

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### Our thanks this evening to:

**Greeters/Ushers:** Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce

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