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 United Church of Christ
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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
April 6, 2023 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 (adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman)

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember His arrest and trial and denial of His friend.

We remember this night and thank God for Christ's presence with us.

*** Hymn Response #227**

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

Miller
 Diemer

Opening Sentences

First Reading

Matthew 26: 17-25

Prayer of Confession (by Steve Garnaas-Homes)

Surely not I, Lord.

I would never betray you, never deny you.

Surely not I, Lord?

Beloved,

give me the faith to doubt

my righteousness.

Give me the assurance to question,

to examine myself honestly,

to ask.

Give me the confidence to wonder

how I might betray your perfect love,

to see clearly.

Give me grace to confess

how my promises are broken,

my heart broken.

Give me the peace to be troubled

by my smugness,

and repent.

Open my eyes to see what you see,

you know,

and knowing, you keep right on

eating with me. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Second Reading

Matthew 26: 26-30

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution (by Richard Bott)

Responsive Communion Prayer

This is a table of new expectations

This is a table where everyone can come to receive

This is a table for those who haven't met Jesus before

This is a table with the Lord of the harvest and catch

This is a table where we are reconciled

This is a table where there is safety and acceptance

This is a table which welcomes, invites, provides, unites

This is a table where transformation can happen

This is a table that is the natural place to be

This is a table where we can meet Jesus and neighbors

This is a table where strength is restored

This is a table, this is our community. Amen.



Serving and Partaking of the Elements

The bread of life and the cup of blessing, given for you.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the hope of the Holy Spirit. May your universal hope be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world. Amen.

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Third Reading

Matthew 26: 31-35

Responsive Sending (by Rev. Shelli Williams)

This night is our calling to go into the world,
scattered to the ends of the earth
to love as Christ loved
and serve in the name of Christ.

**It is our calling to remember,
even in our darkest hour,
who we are.**

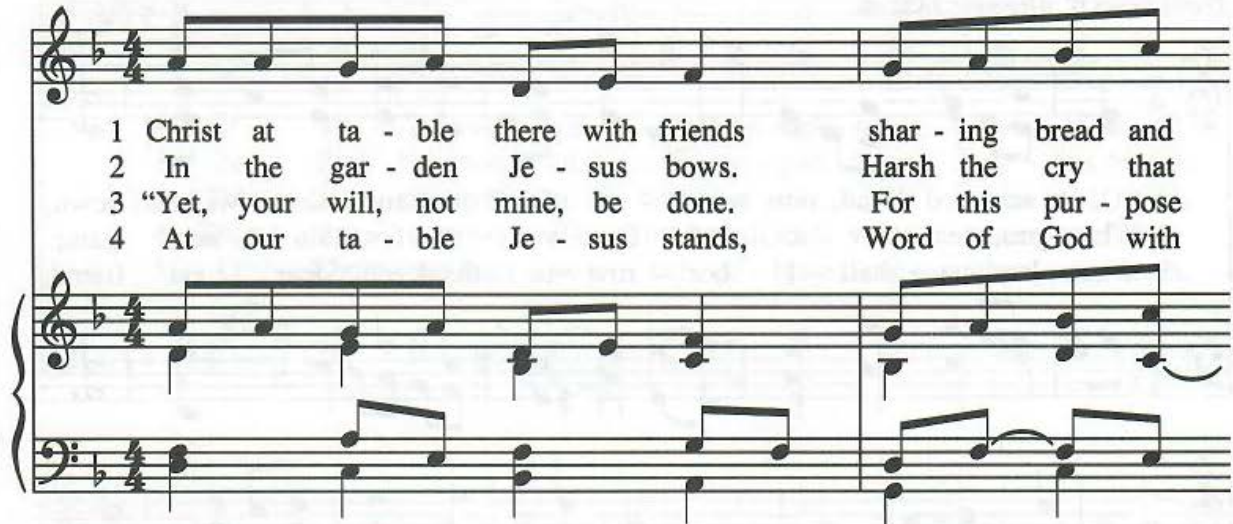
**We remember that Christ is always with us.
And we remember that on this night,
we were taught how to love.**

On this night, eternity begins
and the fullness of God's Reign begins to spill into our lives.
So go into the world to give yourself for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Go into the world and love
in the name of the One who loved you until the end.

**It all begins and ends and begins again with Love.
That is the story. Amen.**

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



Holy Week 2023



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April 2 10 a.m. Palm Sunday with Palms to Wave



April 6 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Communion



April 7 7 p.m. Good Friday with Choir



April 9 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
10 a.m. Easter Sunday with Choir

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

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Our thanks this evening to:

Greeters: Malinda Barr & Rich Baumgartner

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