

Gathered (Together Apart) at the Table of the Lord:
A Worship-Filled Meal for Maundy Thursday

This is a modified Holy Thursday service that is designed to be celebrated in your home. The service will also be recorded and then available on the church Facebook page and YouTube Channel. If you are able, we invite you to stream this service and thus participate with us. Remember, God transcends both space and time.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Gather around your dinner table with your meal before you. If possible, light a candle and set an extra place at the table, to symbolize those you wish were present in body but are not. If you will be streaming our service, set up your device where as many of those as possible can see the screen and begin the video.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND TO THE MEAL

As Jesus and his disciples gathered for a meal together,
So we gather this night...even though we are apart.
An empty chair reminds us of those who are present with us only in spirit....
Name--aloud or in your hearts--those you wish were gathered with you
While these loved ones are far from us, still we gather in Spirit,
for we are united in and through Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-16

MEAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, who ate with disciples, with sinners, and with the powerful, make your presence known at our table this night, bless the food we eat, and the fellowship we share with those both near and far, so that we may be drawn closer to you and to others. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:17-25

REFLECTION AND SHARING THE MEAL (*Reflect on these questions alone or together as you eat.*)

*What meals have been especially significant for you? Why
What is the significance of this meal for Jesus and his disciples?
What did Jesus ask his disciples to remember about him?
How is Jesus present with us in this meal tonight?*

CLOSING PRAYER (*When the meal is finished; if you lit a candle, extinguish it now*)

Almighty God, thank you for feeding us this night; thank you for your sustaining presence during this time of separation. Help us to place our trust in you and to follow Jesus wherever he leads. Amen.