

Maundy Thursday Service
March 28, 2013
7:00 pm

Welcome and Explanation of the Tenebrae Service

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Hymn *Were You There* #288

Tenebrae Service

Benediction

Worship Leaders

Rev. Tom Evans, *Pastor*

Becky Sopha, *Organist*

Bob Johnson, *Reader*

John Drees, *Communion Assistant*

A Visual Portrayal of the Last Days in the Life of Jesus Christ

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Symbol: Chalice



On the Thursday evening before his death, Jesus met with his disciples in an upper room to eat the Passover meal. That meal commemorated the salvation of God's people from slavery in Egypt through a mighty act of God. Jesus gave a new meaning to the observance of that meal. The bread and the cup were to commemorate God's Messiah as another mighty act of salvation.

In that upper room, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." The sacrament of Holy Communion, which Jesus instituted that night, has been a source of blessing and strength down through the centuries of the Church's life. This simple rite remains for us the participation in the mystery of God.

Christ encounters us in the bread and the cup. That encounter is renewing, life-giving and healing. John Wesley taught that this sacrament was both a "converting" and a "sustaining" ordinance. This rite is a means for bringing persons to a new life in Christ as well as sustaining those already in Christ.

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