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# Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm

*“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands”*

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*“At the heart of Maundy Thursday  
is Jesus’ commandment to love one another.”  
And to be good to one another!*

**WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE  
TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE CROSS**

**Prelude:** Kyung-A Lee

**Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!**

**Welcome in Jesus’ servanthood love!**

**Quiet Moment**

**Call to Worship**

One: Come, friends, and gather in this circle of love.

All: **We come to remember, to follow, and to serve.**

One: Jesus kneels before us, towel in hand, love in heart.

All: **We come to wash and be washed, to give and receive grace.**

One: Tonight, with towel, with bread and cup, we gather in the presence of the One whose love is comforting and infinite.

**Opening Hymn:** “We Are Pilgrims” (The Servant Song)  
(VU 595)

**Opening Prayer**

All: **Holy One, you bend low to lift us and you kneel to teach us to love. As we gather this evening, remind us that our faith is not lived in grand gestures but in humble hands and open hearts. Remind us again, Christ has no hands but our hands to do your work in the world. And Christ has no love but our love to share with those who are hurting. May we, like Jesus, strive to be towel and basin kind of people to those who are hurting. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem:** “Remember Me”

**Introduction to Communion**

One: Tonight, we gather at this table, remembering Jesus’ Last Supper. It is the meal Jesus breaks bread with his friends and blesses both the bread and the cup. Here in the bread and the cup, we taste the gift of His life poured out for us. Jesus died showing us all a better way to live.

**Communion Hymn:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” (VU 480)

**A Prayer of Remembering Jesus** (from 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26)

One: Loving God,

All: **We gather as friends of Jesus at the Communion Table.**

One: He took the bread and gave thanks to God.

All: **We will take the bread, eat and give thanks to God for Jesus.**

One: He took the cup and spoke of the new covenant.

All: **We will take the cup and drink for God remains faithful.**

One: We eat and drink this spiritual meal as we remember the life and death of our spiritual mentor Jesus.

**All: We proclaim his life of love and service, a life we will try to emulate from this day forward.**

One: From this table, we will go out into the world and extend a hand of love to all we meet. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*Communion will be served by a method known as “intinction” which simply means to dip.*

One: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life, take and eat.”

This is my body which I offer to you. Each time you eat bread, remember me.

The bread is shared.

Thank you, God, for the blessing of this cup.

Then, Jesus took a cup, blessed it and after giving thanks he passed it amongst his friends and said, “Each time you do this remember me. The Cup of Blessing poured out for you. Take and drink.”

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: As we reflect on Jesus’ Last Supper, fill our hearts with gratitude and our lives with the courage to follow His way. Bless this bread and cup, that we may be nourished to love and to serve and to make this world a gentler and brighter place for the entire human family.**

### **Musical Reflection**

**New Testament Reading:** John 13: 1-9 and 14-15

Our Scripture Reader this evening is Jeannette McCullough.

*(The story of the Last Supper in John’s Gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere; Jesus performs the duty of a servant as he washes the feet of his disciples. When he is finished, he urges them to do the same for one another.)*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Introduction to the Symbolic Act of Foot Washing**

One: After the meal of remembrance Jesus does something else. When Jesus kneels and washes his friends’ feet, he is reversing the normal order of status and power. He is showing that true leadership and love are expressed through service, not authority. This whole act of foot washing becomes a symbol of service and serving one another in love.

*The Ceremonial Act of Foot washing is carried out....  
Thank you, Jane Booker.*

*Now people are invited to “symbolically” wash their neighbours’ feet.*

### **Post Foot Washing Prayer**

**All: Thank you, Jesus, for not giving up on love. Thank you for your example of consistent love. You had to face the toughest of temptations, the cruellest punishments but you never gave up on love. Thank you for your example of enduring love. Jesus, you gave us glimpses of what a world steeped in love could look like and we recognize this love is costly and difficult. Thank you for your servanthood style of leadership. Thank you for showing us that death does not have the final word and love is the light in our tunnel of darkness. Amen.**

One: Tonight, Jesus gives his followers and us a new commandment, go out into the world and love others like I have loved you. Love put into action as represented by the warm water in the bowl and the towel.

Jesus wants us to be towel and basin people.

Jesus wants us to be bread and cup people.

**Closing Hymn:** “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”  
(VU 586)

### Commissioning

One: Servants of the Holy One, we have work to do.

All: **We will meet to pray; Good Friday is coming close.**

**We will meet to remember; the shadow of the cross hangs over us.**

**We will meet to find fresh resolve; tough tasks lie ahead.**

**We will meet in hope; new life arises on Easter Sunday.**

One: Servants of the Holy One, in all you do God will be your companion. Go in peace and go in love.

### Benediction

One: May God bless you and keep you.

May God smile upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness

And grant you peace.

**Postlude:** Kyung-A Lee



*“God of Holy Week, go with us into the night,  
that we might remember and with our remembering  
live as Jesus’ followers.”*

*Amen.*

*You are invited to join us at the foot of the cross tomorrow at  
11 am for our Good Friday service.*

*A time of quiet reflection and honest hope.*

*A time to remember a love that doesn’t turn away  
but stands with those who are hurting.*

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