



Maundy Thursday Service Guide April 9, 2020

INTRODUCTION

“On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus’ last week: his washing of his disciples’ feet, his institution of the Lord’s Supper, and his new commandment to love one another... The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the ‘new commandment’ Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34).

In some churches a Maundy Thursday service is the primary or even only midweek service during Holy Week. In this case, the service needs to call attention both to the events in the upper room and the events of Good Friday.”

-Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, *The Worship Sourcebook*, 593

South Shore Baptist Church has gathered on Maundy Thursday as described above—to remember the events in the upper room and the events of Good Friday. Our service has included a reading of the passion narrative from one of the four Gospels, songs sung by choir and congregation, a message from the Word, and partaking in the Lord’s Supper.

In our observance a table has been set with twelve candles to represent the twelve disciples. An additional candle—the Christ candle—has been lit and placed on the Communion Table. As the scenes of the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Trial, and Crucifixion are read in twelve segments a candle has been extinguished after each reading. Following the message, the final reading is read and the Christ candle is extinguished by the pastor before some moments of silence. If you desire and have the ability, you may set out candles in your location of worship tonight and extinguish the candles as directed in the guide.

While we will not be partaking in the Lord’s Supper in our separation, the following guide will also lead you to remember and give thanks and anticipate a future gathering around the table.

Links to each video for songs and messages are included in this document, or you can have these queued up for you with [Maundy Thursday Worship Playlist](#) hosted on **YouTube**. **It begins with a [welcome message](#) from Pastor Steve Grissom.**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal’s death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration.

When love required you to shoulder a cross, you did not betray the purpose for which you had been born.

Tonight, O Christ, as we sing, read, pray, and hear of the cross, teach us its meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and follow you. *Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This song was to be sung tonight by the SSBC Choir.

Listen: [Come, O Sinner](#)

Come, O Sinner

Come, O sinner, come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree.
See the crown of thorns adorn the King Who labors to breathe in agony.
Come, O sinner, come and see what our God became to set us free.

Come, O sinner, come and mourn, for He calls your sin His own.
Do you feel the weight of justice served? He suffers the wrath that you deserve.
Come, O sinner, come and mourn, for He bears the curse for all you've done.

***Oh, the wonder of this awesome scene where our Savior bleeds.
Oh, the power of the love of God. Come and stand in awe.***

Come, O sinner, come rejoice. Mercy fills this place of scorn.
For He dies to save His enemies, that all who draw near may know His peace.
Come, O sinner, come rejoice, through the death of Christ, death is destroyed.

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SONG OF ADORATION

Sing: [How Deep the Father's Love For Us](#)

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING – LAST SUPPER

Mark 14:17-21 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

When evening came, He arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “I assure you: One of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me!”

They began to be distressed and to say to Him one by one, “Surely not I?”

He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve—the one who is dipping bread with Me in the bowl. For the Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Extinguish Candle

Mark 14:22-26

As they were eating, He took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is My body.”

Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them, and so they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is My blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many. I assure you: I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it in a new way in the kingdom of God.” After singing psalms, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 14:27-31

Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will run away, because it is written:

I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

But after I have been resurrected, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Peter told Him, “Even if everyone runs away, I will certainly not!”

“I assure you,” Jesus said to him, “today, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times!”

But he kept insisting, “If I have to die with You, I will never deny You!” And they all said the same thing.

Extinguish Candle

SONG OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sing: [What Wondrous Love Is This](#)

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the Great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING – GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32-42

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and horrified. Then He said to them, "My soul is swallowed up in sorrow—to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake." Then He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, "Abba, Father! All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Then He came and found them sleeping. "Simon, are you sleeping?" He asked Peter. "Couldn't you stay awake one hour? Stay awake and pray so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Once again He went away and prayed, saying the same thing. And He came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open. They did not know what to say to Him. Then He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The time has come. Look, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up; let's go! See—My betrayer is near."

Extinguish Candle

Mark 14:43-46

While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. With him was a mob, with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had given them a signal. "The One I kiss," he said, "He's the One; arrest Him and take Him away under guard." So when he came, he went right up to Him and said, "Rabbi!"—and kissed Him. Then they took hold of Him and arrested Him.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 14:47-52

And one of those who stood by drew his sword, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his ear.

But Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as though I were a criminal, to capture Me? Every day I was among you, teaching in the temple complex, and you didn't arrest Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." Then they all deserted Him and ran away.

Now a certain young man, having a linen cloth wrapped around his naked body, was following Him. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

Extinguish Candle

SONG OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Listen: [Gethsemane Hymn](#)

Gethsemane Hymn

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees,
The Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden:
"Oh take this cup away from Me! Yet not My will but Yours,
Yet not My will but Yours"

To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still,
For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.
No words describe the Savior's plight, to be by God forsaken,
Till wrath and love are satisfied, and every sin is paid,
And every sin is paid.

What took Him to this wretched place, what kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul.
No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all,
The Savior drank it all. The Savior drank it all.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING – TRIAL

Mark 14:53-65

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes convened. Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the temple police, warming himself by the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they could find none. For many were giving false testimony against Him, but the testimonies did not agree. Some stood up and were giving false testimony against Him, stating, "We heard Him say, 'I will demolish this sanctuary made by human hands, and in three days I will build another not made by hands.'" Yet their testimony did not agree even on this.

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Then the high priest stood up before them all and questioned Jesus, "Don't You have an answer to what these men are testifying against You?" But He kept silent and did not answer anything. Again the high priest questioned Him, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus, "and all of you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What is your decision?"

And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. Then some began to spit on Him, to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, saying, "Prophecy!" The temple police also took Him and slapped Him.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 14:66-72

While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the high priest's servants came. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus."

But he denied it: "I don't know or understand what you're talking about!" Then he went out to the entryway, and a rooster crowed.

When the servant saw him again she began to tell those standing nearby, "This man is one of them!"

But again he denied it. After a little while those standing there said to Peter again, "You certainly are one of them, since you're also a Galilean!"

Then he started to curse and to swear with an oath, "I don't know this man you're talking about!"

Immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered when Jesus had spoken the word to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." When he thought about it, he began to weep.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 15:1-15

At the festival it was Pilate's custom to release for the people a prisoner they requested. There was one named Barabbas, who was in prison with rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them as was his custom. So Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?" For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.

Pilate asked them again, "Then what do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?"

Again they shouted, "Crucify Him!"

Then Pilate said to them, "Why? What has He done wrong?"

But they shouted, "Crucify Him!" all the more.

Then, willing to gratify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. And after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Extinguish Candle

SONG OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sing: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'Tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor; vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
(assist me with)

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING – CRUCIFIXION

Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led Him away into the courtyard (that is, headquarters) and called the whole company together. They dressed Him in a purple robe, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on Him. And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They kept hitting Him on the head with a reed and spitting on Him. Getting down on their knees, they were paying Him homage. When they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple robe, put His clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 15:21-32

They forced a man coming in from the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus' cross. He was Simon, a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus. And they brought Jesus to the place called *Golgotha* (which means Skull Place). They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. Then they crucified Him and divided His clothes, casting lots for them to decide what each would get. Now it was nine in the morning when they crucified Him. The inscription of the charge written against Him was:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

They crucified two criminals with Him, one on His right and one on His left. [So the Scripture was fulfilled that says: And He was counted among outlaws.] Those who passed by were yelling insults at Him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Ha! The One who would demolish the sanctuary and build it in three days, save Yourself by coming down from the cross!" In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were mocking Him to one another and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself! Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him were taunting Him.

Extinguish Candle

Mark 15:33-36

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, *lemá sabachtháni?*" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Look, He's calling for Elijah!" Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, fixed it on a reed, offered Him a drink and said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take Him down!"

Extinguish Candle

SONG OF RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sing: [There Is A Fountain](#)

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
And there may I, though as vile as he, wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

When this poor lispng, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

[SERMON VIDEO](#) on John 17:20-26

Tune in now to the sermon video on YouTube of Pastor Steve Grissom preaching.

SCRIPTURE READING & EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Mark 15:37-39 Read by Pastor Steve

But Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed His last. Then the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who was standing opposite Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "This man really was God's Son!"

MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PERSONAL PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER

Tonight if we were all together, we would proceed forward to partake in the Lord's Supper as a church. While in separation we will not partake, let's take time now to remember and give thanks for the broken body and shed blood of Christ and be reminded of our union with one another and with Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SONG OF RESPONSE FOR CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

Sing: [Jesus Paid It All](#)

[Children's Option: Jesus Paid It All](#)

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

***Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.***

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall still repeat.

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BENEDICTION

Read:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 *Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.

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