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WESTMINSTER  
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CHURCH



# MAUNDY

THURSDAY



## \*Prayer for Pardon

Leader: Our God is not a cruel parent.  
Our God seeks to be in relationship with us.  
Our God loves us enough to take on our form and live among us.

People: **God will not turn us away when we confess with open hearts.**

All: **Dear God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.  
Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can  
be changed. Grant us grace.**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God offers forgiveness and welcomes us  
to the table of grace and plenty where all the faithful gather.  
This is the Good News that brings new life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## WE WITNESS JESUS' PASSION

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<b>The Shadow of Persecution</b>	Jesus' Enemies	Mark 14:1-2, 10-11
<b>The Shadow of Grief</b>	Farewell to Jesus	Mark 14:3-9
<b>The Gift of Grace</b>	The Last Supper	Mark 14:12-25
<b>The Celebration of the Eucharist</b>		
<b>Communion Anthem</b>	The Upper Room	Price and Besig
<p>There in a quiet upper room they gathered together once again. The Master stood among the twelve he called his closest friends. "Soon I must leave you," said the Lord. "My Father will call me from this place. Although you may not understand, my life is in his hands. I must obey." They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes. He spoke once again to ease their minds: "Be not afraid. Do not despair. When you need me I will always be there." "Come sit beside me," said the Lord. "For here at this table we are one. Come share this simple meal with me, and show that you believe I am God's son. This bread is my body broken for you. This cup is my blood which is shed for you. Take, now and eat, take, now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of me." "Walk in my footsteps," said the Lord. "Be steadfast in everything you do, and keep me always in your heart, though we may be apart I am with you."</p>		
<b>The Shadow of Abandonment</b>	Jesus Prays	Mark 14:32-42

**Anthem** Jesus in the Garden Joseph M. Martin

Jesus, praying in the garden, in the shadow of a tree. Jesus, calling to his Father, all alone on bended knee. "Father, Father, let this cup pass by me." Jesus, looking to the heavens, in Gethsemane. Jesus, praying in the garden, in the shadow of a tree. Jesus, calling to his Father, crying out in agony. "Father, Father, let this cup pass by me!" Jesus, praying in the garden, in Gethsemane. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Love that chooses shame and suffering, love that chooses Calvary. Tears are falling, shadows calling, in that quiet sacred place. Jesus rises in the darkness, lifting high the cup of grace. "Father, Father, thy will be done!" Jesus, alone in Gethsemane.

**The Shadow of Betrayal** The Judas Kiss Mark 14:43-50

**The Shadow of Denial** Peter Fails Mark 14:66-72

**The Shadow of Accusation** The Trial Mark 15:1-5

**The Shadow of the Cross** The Crucifixion Mark 15:21-32

**Anthem** Carry Him Gently Buryl Red

Carry him gently, my baby, carry him gently my child; carry him far from suffering. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile. I gave him love as a baby, I shared his joy as a child. He died alone, forsaken. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile. Oh, Jesus, your life is unending. Oh, Jesus, my Lord, even death can't take you away. Oh, Jesus, our faith is unbending. Oh, Jesus, my Lord, for you are the truth and way. Carry him quickly, my baby, carry him quickly, my son; carry him far from suffering. His work is done.

*Katy Williams, soloist*

**The Shadow of Death** Jesus' Last Breath Mark 15:33-39

*The bell is tolled 33 times, representing the years of Jesus' life.*

**Anthem** Were You There Traditional Spiritual

*Rich Williams, soloist*

*Please depart from the service in silence.*



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