

# Quispamsis United Church

April 14th, 2022 - Maundy Thursday

**Liturgical Colour: Red**

**Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley**

**Musician: Stephen Alexander**

**Reader: Heather Alward**

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**Centering Passage:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*

-Psalm 27:1, 4

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Announcements**

**Opening Music**    Pie Jesu - Gabriel Faure

**Invitation to the Table**

**Call to Worship (Responsive):**

As we gather at these tables,

**Encircle us, O God, with your love.**

In keeping you close to our hearts,

**Keep the darkness at bay,**

**Keep our fears away.**

In sharing this meal, we are filled with your love,

**Fill each here with your grace,**

**Hold us safe in your embrace.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Jesus our Host, we yearn for your Communion; we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet you here. And yet, despite your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way. Forgive us. Hear now in silence the prayers of our hearts.

*Silence*

**Scripture:** Mark 14:12-16

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

**Hymn:** An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare VU 130

**An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there.  
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there as Lord and Host.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive):**

We thank you, God, Creator of us all; from the beginning you made the world and all its creatures. You made people to live for you and for one another.

**We praise you, O God.**

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden; you showed Noah a rainbow; you gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing; you gave courage to Peter and loyalty to Mary Magdalene; you give us a voice to sing your praise, and light in our times of darkness.

**We praise you, O God.**

Yet, even the world turned away from you and forgot about you, as we often do too. But you did not forget. You sent Jesus to the world to show how much you love us and to bring us back to you again.

**We praise you, O God.**

He came as one of us, first an infant, then a child, later a youth, then an adult. He rejoiced with those who rejoiced, and wept with those who wept. To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope. To the sick, he gave healing. To the hurting, he was a friend.

**We Praise you, O God.**

Still, people turned away from you. They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross. But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life, that he might be with us and we with him, alive for evermore! Therefore with all the saints of every time and place, we join the angels in their praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Scripture:** John 13:1-9

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'

*Those present are invited to share in the washing of their hands as we prepare to eat.*

**Remembering the Meal (Responsive):**

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**"Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people. And with that commitment to you, may our lives proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Blessing the Elements (Responsive):**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts. Make us one with Christ in his self-giving, that through us, he may:

**bind up the broken-hearted,**

comfort the mourners,

**open the hearts of the cold and wayward,**

and proclaim liberty to the captives—

**until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream.**

In this hope, all the people said:

**Amen!**

**Hymn:**

As We Gather at Your Table

VU 457

**As we gather at your table,**

**as we listen to your word,**

**help us know, O God, your presence;**

**let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story**

**till we claim it as our own;**

**teach us through this holy banquet**

**how to make Love's victory known.**

**Turn our worship into witness**

**in the sacrament of life;**

**send us forth to love and serve you,**

**bringing peace where there is strife.**

**Give us, Christ, your great compassion**

**to forgive as you forgave;**

**may we still behold your image**

**in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.**

### **Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

#### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup (Responsive):**

The body of Christ broken for you. Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

**We remember, and share in his sacrifice.**

The blood of the new covenant, poured out for you. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

**We remember, and are humbled by his great love.**

#### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup (Responsive):**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Come now for all has been made ready.

*sharing of the meal*

#### **Prayer after Communion (Unison):**

**Holy God, in our various places, at your table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

#### **Blessing (Responsive):**

From hunger to sharing, from darkness to light,

**You filled our souls, you gave us sight.**

Empower us to do your work, reach through us to be your hand,

**Lead us now into the world, to boldly with the Gospel stand.**

One in Three, three in one, to the Triune God we cry Amen,

**Amen, Amen, again Amen.**

**Choral Closing**

Jesus, Remember Me

VU 148 (X3) *QUC Recording*

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

**Closing Music**

O Sacred Head - Johann Pachelbel