

**The Valley United**

April 6th, 2023 - Maundy Thursday

**Liturgical Colour: Red**

**Presiders:** Rev. Tori Mullin & Rev. Richard Bowley

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**Reader:** Sally Allanach

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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*

**Opening Music**     O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Though Broken  
Johann Oley

**Lighting of Christ**

**Welcome and Lighting of Affirm Candle**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**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**

**Scripture:**             Matthew 26:17-19

**Hymn:**                    An Upper Room

VU 130

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive):**

We thank you,(...) for you and for one another.

**We praise you, O God.**

You created Adam and Eve (...) and light in our times of darkness.

**We praise you, O God.**

Yet, even the world (...) love us and to bring us back to you again.

**We praise you, O God.**

He came as one of us, (...) To the hurting, he was a friend.

**We Praise you, O God.**

Still, people turned away from you (...)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 13:3-9

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

**Gift of Music:**

**Message**

**Grace**

*Supper Begins*

**Remembering the Meal (Responsive):**

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

**“Take, eat; this is my body.”**

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

**‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

*-Adapted from Matthew 26:26-28*

Eternal God, (...) 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!**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Responsive Chorus: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU400*

**Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

## **Sung Lord's Prayer (VU 959)**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup:**

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**

**Hymn:**

Bitter was the Night

VU 132

**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)

**Jesus, remember me**

**when you come into your kingdom.**

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**Closing Music:** Beneath the Cross of Jesus – Hal Leonard Publishing